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Scout Lewis says Icelandic Moot met with his approval



LEWIS MURRAY the globe at the 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland. spent 10 days living and working with Scouts from almost 80 nations across

banks of Ulfjotsvatn. Lake

Before coming together at the main Moot site, Lewis spent time hiking through the Icelandic landscape, travelling to Reykjavik, visiting Nordic museums, hiking to the top of Mount Esja.

Lewis said: "I had an unforgettable experience. Being able to make amazing memories with people from all walks of life, understand their cultures and participate in activities that I would not be able to do without Scouting."

(See page 7 for more on the Moot).

River drama as knight in shining armour to the rescue at Ogmores Castle

A worried mum found her knight in shining armour at Ogmores Castle, when a man stopped her car from getting swept away by the fast-rising tide of the river.

Tracey Gardiner said a stranger called Steve stepped in as she and her children watched helplessly from the other side of the river as the waters surrounded the car. The drama unfolded one evening in late July.

Tracey, who lives in the village of Llanmaes, told The GEM: "I parked my Nissan X-Trail in the car park next to the river. I walked my two children and two Labrador dogs across the stepping stones at Ogmores Castle, along with other families and couples out for a nice stroll."

"We had only walked a short distance when we realised our dogs had dropped their ball somewhere, so I sent my son back to look for it."

"Within seconds, my son came shouting for me to get back to the river, as the

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stepping stones had disappeared under a rapidly-incoming tide. Sure enough, he was right, and we had become stranded!

"The river was rising very fast and as other people left quickly in their cars, there was just my car and another small white car left."

"Panic set in. I was standing there feeling very vulnerable with my two children, aged 10 and seven, looking at me to fix the problem."

But help was at hand thanks to a man who had parked his car up at Merthyr Mawr.

"Out of the blue, a gentleman said to me: 'Give me your car key. My car is parked over the bridge. I can drive around and try

and save your car but it might take 15 minutes'."

Tracey said: "Without hesitation, I handed over my key to a stranger and as he was about to walk away he said: 'My name is Steve. Let me give you my mobile number, because I'm a stranger and you're trusting me with your car key!'"

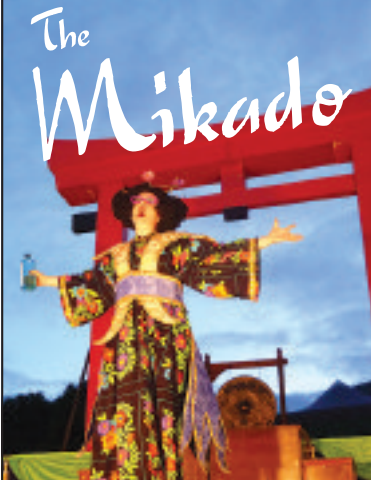
"As he left, the minutes seemed to drag on as we watched the water rising up to the door of my car. My son started to cry and my daughter just gave up and sat in the mud."

But while Tracey was worried that her car was going to be swept down the river, other people were taking pictures of her predicament.

"Throughout the ordeal, there were people with long lens cameras taking pictures of the cars in the water and of us in distress on the other side! I suppose to them this was all a joke – or maybe a way to make a few quid from selling the photos."

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PFI to cost taxpayers £46m EXTRA for Maesteg school

BRIDGEND taxpayers will end up paying more than £66m for a comprehensive school in Maesteg, which cost only £20m to build, it was claimed this week.

Welsh Conservatives say that research has revealed that Maesteg Comprehensive School, which was

built in 2008, will cost council taxpayers £46m in extra charges by the time the last payment is made, under the 25-year PFI deal struck by Bridgend County Borough Council.

Regional Tory AM Suzy Davies said that the agreement sees Bridgend taxpayers having to fork out large annual instalments to repay the Private Finance Initiative under which the school was built.

She went on: "Bridgend residents are well and truly lumbered until 2033 when this deal finally ends. There may be a case for investigating how some local authorities in Wales negotiated these deals. Obviously, some were better at it than others."

"Councils were encouraged to use PFI by the Labour Government, which wanted to keep billions of pounds of capital spending off the public accounts, and PFI schemes went in under the radar."

"I understand that there was a need in Maesteg for a new school, which also resulted in the clearance of a large area of industrial dereliction on the site of the old Maesteg washery."

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Join the team that is showing off the best of Bridgend county



Alex Marshall, Bill Jones, Kay Rudall and Jayne Jones are some of the Bridgend Ambassadors, helping to support local tourism.

A TEAM of Welsh speakers have become the latest band of recruits to become 'Bridgend Ambassadors' – a group of volunteers who are sharing knowledge of the area with tourists.

Around 30 Bridgend Ambassadors are helping to give visitors to Bridgend county borough an extra warm welcome, with nine Welsh speakers having had their first major outing at May's Urd Eisteddfod in Pencoed.

Extra recruits are always welcome to join the group and help support local tourism. Potential ambassadors need to have an interest in learning more about the area's culture, wildlife, history, arts and cuisine, and be willing to volunteer some of their spare time.

Involvement may vary from meeting and greeting at events, writing blogs, supporting groups to plan a visit, and generally doing what they can to raise the profile of the region.

Training is free and is a time commitment of just two days in a workshop setting, exploring the treasures of the county borough.

Among the bilingual Bridgend Ambassadors are Amanda Evans and Marged Thomas, who both work for Menter Bro Ogwr.

Amanda said: "I was delighted to have the opportunity to learn more about our heritage, meet new people and create a team of friends that is able to spread this information to visitors and local people alike."

Marged added: "Training to become a Welsh speaking ambassador was a great

experience and I learned so much about our local area. There is so much history and so many interesting things to do on our doorstep."

The Bridgend Ambassadors training programme is supported by Bridgend County Borough Council's Reach Rural Development Team, in conjunction with the Bridgend Tourism Association.

The project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Anyone interested in finding out more about becoming a Bridgend Ambassador, should contact Roz or John, at ambassadors@bridgendtourism.co.uk

Choirs raise roof for Kelly's Wish

MAESTEG Male Voice Choir invited the renowned Brecon Male Voice Choir to join them at Maesteg town hall, the aim of which was to raise funds for the Kelly's Wish charity.

They were also delighted to have local soprano Rhian Hughes perform six solo pieces, a correspondent reports.

Although not a full house, the audience were treated to a feast of music, knowing they were contributing to an extremely worthwhile cause.

Maesteg started the concert with choir favourite 'Let all men sing' followed by a piece synonymous with Maesteg 'Bugeilio'r Gwennith Gwyn' and, finally, a great Welsh piece 'Llef'.

Rhian Hughes then sang 'O Mio Babbino Caro' by Puccini, then 'A fwi, la tourterelle' by Offenbach, and to end the first half, 'The Laughing Song' by Strauss.

Brecon started with 'Brahma Divine' from *The Pearl Fishers*, 'Dashenka' by Islwyn Ffowc Elis and 'The Jolly Roger' by Hugh Candish. Both choirs combined to finish the first half with a Welsh favourite, 'Rachie'.

The second half commenced with Brecon singing 'Anfonaf Angel', 'Adiemus' and finished with 'Saints'.

Rhian performed 'Mr Snow' from *Carousel*, 'What good would the moon be' from *Street Scene* and finished her programme with 'I could have danced all night' from *My Fair Lady*.

Maesteg completed their set with 'A Roman War Song', 'Y Tangnefeddwyr', and finally 'Tydi a Roddaist' before joining Brecon to end the concert with 'American Trilogy'.

The choir would like to thank Brecon Male Voice choir and Rhian Hughes for agreeing to give up their time to support Kelly's Wish.

Readers' Letters

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BREXIT – the people have spoken!

I READ the letter from Peterson-super-Ely regarding the recent Brexit vote only being 'advisory'.

In 1975, we had a referendum to join the then EEC, now the EU, which the majority voted in. I understand that the result was 'advisory'.

The then Tory Government took us into Europe – as they are now taking us out –

but we still keep getting letters in The GEM from the remaners, complaining about the result.

What next after two referendums – rock, paper, scissors, tidlywinks?

What will make these remaners happy? The people have spoken, the votes have been counted – the result is Brexit.

Ashley Wallace, Barry.

'VOTERS HAVE NO CHOICE'

I SUPPORT the arguments made in the letter by Jean Silvan Evans in last week's edition of The GEM, that 84 per cent did not vote for Brexit.

In our 'first past the post' voting system, voters have no choice but vote Labour or Tory in most constituencies, unless they want to waste their vote – often voting against the less

likeable party than the one they voted for.

It does not mean they necessarily support the Remain/Leave stance of either party.

I voted Remain and Labour, and I have not changed my mind, so I too am not in that spuriously conjured-up figure of 84 per cent.

It really is revealing that arguments offered by Leavers seem to fit that definition. Marc Delaney, Barry.

Women's pensions: 'inconvenient truth'

I SEE in your newspaper that the WASPI advocates (Labour politicians to a man) using the campaign to knock the UK Government, have been at it again.

"The Tories should have informed women before they did in 2010!" they shout.

Well, that is quite possibly true. The Conservative Government in power when the original pensions legislation was passed in the House of Commons in 1995 could have, perhaps should

have, made the public aware before it was removed from Blair's Labour.

The real scandal, however, is that the Labour Governments from 1997 to 2010 did nothing to advise women of what would happen.

The Tories did so within months of forming the coalition Government in 2010.

That Labour failed to do so, surely, is the sting in the tail for Labour's vociferous WASPI supporters.

AT Forbes, Llantwit Major.

Bridgend Bridge Club ROUND-UP

THE results of recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

Wednesday, August 2: First, Bill Turner and Linda Pinnock; second, Tony Disley and John Evans; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Thursday, August 3, North South: First, Stewart Noton and Ivor Hicks; second, Eileen Mahoney and Geoff Barnett; third, Peter and Hillary Rowley.

East West: First, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams; second, Stuart Davies and John Henson; third, V Irene Thomas and Dylis Bowser.

The winners on handicap North South were Stewart Noton and Ivor Hicks and East West, Gareth Jenkins and Mike Williams.

Friday, August 4: First, Norma and David Newman; second, Jenny Vaughan and Glenda

Roberts; third, Mari Jones and Irene Wickham.

The winners on handicap were Mari Jones and Irene Wickham.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Norton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Norton Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

There will be a new series of lessons for beginners on Wednesdays from 4pm until 6pm, starting on September 13 again at Norton Church Hall.

For further information, contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

LOTTERY FUND VISITS BAVO

ANDY HARRIS, development officer at the Heritage Lottery Fund, will be at Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) in Maesteg on Thursday, September 21 for free one-to-one meetings with local community groups and organisations.

To book a meeting, contact Andy Harris on 02920 234155, or email andrew.harris@hlf.org.uk by Thursday, August 31. In order to make the most of the meeting, you will be required to register on their website and complete a project enquiry form, before a meeting can be confirmed, by visiting www.hlf.org.uk/user/register.

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Advice surgery

NEWCASTLE ward borough and town councillor, Carolyn Webster, is holding a surgery on Saturday, August 12.

Any residents that would like to raise matters are invited to attend Bridgend Library at Halo Life Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, between 10am and midday.

No appointment is necessary.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL AUGUST 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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11 Fri	09.31	9.7	21.52	9.6
12 Sat	10.10	9.5	22.31	9.4
13 Sun	10.49	9.3	23.09	9.1
14 Mon	11.30	8.9	23.58	8.7
15 Tues			12.24	8.5
16 Wed	00.59	8.3	13.34	8.2
17 Thur	02.15	8.1	14.56	8.2

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Cats Protection Bridgend steps back in time to celebrate the charity's 90th anniversary

A 1920s-themed summer fete at Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre has raised over £3,500 and homed 17 cats and kittens for the charity.

The event, held on August 7, at the centre was a great success, with more than 480 people attending the event. Special guests on the day were the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough, Coun Pam Davies with her consort Tudor Davies, Suzy Davies AM and Peter Hepburn, CEO of Cats Protection.

The event was a great opportunity for people to meet and make friends with the adorable cats in the charity's care who are desperately in need of loving homes.

The team at the centre were dressed in 'Flapper' costume in celebration of the 90th anniversary.

There was plenty for everyone to see and do, including raffle, tombola, stalls, a barbecue, refreshments, games and much more.

The children were entertained with puppet shows, bouncy castle, pony rides and a special visit from South Wales Fire Service and the chance to see the chance to sit in one of their fire engines.

Molly Hughes, deputy manager, said: "We had great support on the day so we'd like to thank everyone who came along and supported us. If we didn't receive such wonderful support from our local community, so many more cats would needlessly remain homeless."

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A spokesperson said: "Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre is part of a national network of over 250 volunteer-run branches and 32 centres that together help around 200,000 cats and kittens each year. "The charity's vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs."



An AM drops in for a tour of the Sandville



ABOVE: Gary Banks introduces Bethan Jenkins AM to Aisha and Rebekah.



Report and photographs by Keith E Morgan



At St Michael's Church.



Meeting volunteers in the Sandville shop.

THE Sandville Self Help Centre at Tŷn Kenfig recently had an unexpected visitor, Plaid Cymru AM, Bethan Jenkins. The AM had heard about the Sandville

Foundation from a patient who had previously attended the centre, and was so impressed she wanted to see for herself.

Bethan was met at the door by Gary Banks, the Sandville house manager, who showed

her around. The first stop on the tour was the log cabin where Bethan was introduced to Aisha and Rebekah, two students who were staying at the centre as part of their qualification for the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Next, it was on to meet Sister Gwyneth Poacher, the founder of the centre, who was conducting a relaxation therapy with a patient in her special room overlooking Pyle and Kenfig Golf Course, Porthcawl, the Bristol Channel and the Somerset and Devon coast line beyond – a therapy in itself.

After meeting volunteers in the reception and kitchen, the AM was shown the sensory and memorial gardens, and also St Michael's Church where a Service is held every Sunday, and on the first Wednesday in the month when the Rev Canon Philip Masson of Porthcawl conducts a special Service for patients and volunteers alike.

The Sandville has expanded remarkably since it was opened, and visits to the conservatory, therapeutic rooms and swimming pool, followed.

She met Gareth, the centre care manager and Sandra, the pool therapist and visited the education centre where a woman's beauty course was in progress.

Finally, after tea and biscuits, the AM commented on what a worthwhile and eye opening visit it had been, and that she hoped to come again on another occasion.

Oldcastle Primary School is recognised as 'highly innovative'

OLDCASTLE Primary School has been recognised as a 'highly innovative, learning community' – following an inspection by Estyn in June 2017.

Estyn, the education and training inspectorate for Wales, is instructed to inspect the quality and standards of schools, colleges, and local authorities' education services.

All schools are inspected at least once during a six-year cycle. Estyn inspectors examined many aspects of school life, and Oldcastle Primary School is pleased to have been recognised as a good school with excellent features as defined through the Common Inspection Framework utilised by Estyn, a spokesperson reports.

In particular, the school has been identified as being excellent for its care, support and guidance, researching and implementing bespoke and innovative programmes for the benefit of the pupils.

This includes its use of Mabel teletherapy to support pupils with speech and language needs.

The inspectors noted that the quality of care, support and guidance has a very positive impact on pupils' standards and wellbeing.

CORE VALUES

The report recognises through creative and innovative leadership that the vision to inspire, educate and motivate was at the core of the schools work.

This ethos had a strong impact on securing high levels of attendance and promoting pupils wellbeing.

It goes on to describe the excellent resource management stating that "in view of the innovative and imaginative way in which leaders manage the school's resources, the school gives excellent value for money".

Partnerships were another area where the school was judged to be excellent. Parental questionnaires identified that 98 per cent of parents strongly agree or agree that they are satisfied with the school. Children also provided very positive feedback to the inspectors with 99 per cent of children feeling they were doing well at school.

Further partnerships with the University of the West of England also received praise, along with links to local business, the school enterprise work and the schools science, technology, engineering and mathematics programme.

"As a school, we welcome the positive feedback

from the Estyn report, I am delighted that the teaching and support staff are recognised as providing highly effective, purposeful learning experiences which enrich pupils spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

"It was also pleasing to note that the inspectors recognised our excellent working partnerships with businesses, which has led to an enriched curriculum.

"It reflects a snapshot of the life of a school, and the strength of any school is in the staff who serve the children and community in which it is based," said Jeremy Malessa-Thompson, headteacher.

The school will draw up an action plan to address the recommendations identified in the report.

A copy of the Estyn report for Oldcastle Primary School is available from www.estyn.gov.wales AS

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BRIDGEND DRUGS FACTORY RAIDED

POLICE in Bridgend have recovered approximately £20,000 worth of cannabis in a series of raids throughout the town and surrounding areas.

Officers descended on Laing Street, Bridgend, on Thursday morning, August 3, and discovered a cannabis factory at the property.

Drugs warrants were then

executed at a number of other addresses in Pyle, Kenfig Hill, and Bridgend, which also led to the seizure of cannabis.

Five men, four in their 20s and one aged 30, were arrested and taken into police custody.

Detective Inspector Dean Taylor said: "We've seized a significant amount of class B drugs and made a number of arrests, thanks to information we have received from the

community.

"This was clearly an organised and co-ordinated drugs operation capable of a significant level of drugs supply in the area which we have no doubt disrupted."

Anybody who has information about drug dealing in the community should contact 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Pyle mother's fraudulent benefit claim for £29,000

A MOTHER of three who fraudulently obtained benefits of over £29,000, has escaped prison at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ Sicluna.

Natalie Howe, 28, was told by Judge Christopher Vosper QC: "You pleaded guilty at the first opportunity."

"Immediate custody would be justified in this case, but because you co-operated with the authorities and have no previous convictions, prison can be avoided."

Howe, of Beech Road, Pyle, pleaded guilty to two charges of dishonestly obtaining benefits.

She was sentenced to a community order for a year and directed to carry out 100 hours unpaid work and to pay

costs of £250. Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said Howe committed the offences between May 2013 and August 2016, fraudulently claiming a total of £29,646 to which she was not entitled for income support and housing benefit.

She falsely claimed that at the time she was living alone, said Mr Gobir.

Initially, he said, when interviewed by the authorities, she became abusive and walked out.

Her counsel, Rosamund Rutter, said: "She is a full-time carer for a young family and there was no lavish lifestyle."

Ms Rutter said: "She intended to repay the overpayment and this is being recovered from benefit to which she is entitled."

'Teddy Jump' for charity

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited Amelia Trust Farm last week to support 'Teddy Jump Day' for Operation Christmas Child.

The charity, held the event to raise vital funds, and children from across the area took part.

Each child paid £1 to choose a teddy bear, which then 'parachuted' from a considerable height.

Mr Davies said: "Teddy Jump Day was a fun way to raise money for Operation Christmas Child and it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time."

A trip to Lacock Abbey for the Southerndown WI ...But the ladies missed out on seeing Mr Darcy!

THE summer trip for Southerndown WI was a visit to the village of Lacock, with its Abbey.

On the chosen day in August, the weather was thankfully better in Lacock than it was in Southerndown, with umbrellas remaining rolled up all day long!

More than three-quarters of members were able to go on the trip, so there were more than enough people to try out every coffee shop, café and hostelry in the village, with notes being compared on the way home.

Many of the streets looked familiar, because the village is frequently used as a film location and has appeared in many programmes such as Downton Abbey and the BBC adaptation of Pride and Prejudice, amongst others.

There were numerous interesting independent shops selling local produce and crafts, and a pottery which was close to the lovely St Cyriac's church.

The trip included a tour of the Abbey, which originates from the 13th century. The well-preserved cloisters were featured in the Harry Potter films.

The volunteers in the Abbey were friendly and knowledgeable, explaining how the building has changed over the centuries.

William Henry Fox Talbot considered himself a poor artist and thought it must be possible to

imprint natural images that would remain fixed on paper.

His work led Lacock to become the birthplace of photography in Britain and we saw the window that was the subject of the image on the first negative he produced in 1835.

The Fox Talbot museum now stands in the Abbey grounds and traces the history of photography from his first image to the use of the smart phone.

With photographs taken, the group returned home after a very enjoyable day.

The only disappointment was that Mr Darcy had left the village before they arrived!

The next meeting is on Thursday, September 14 at 7.15pm in the Church Hall in St Brides Major; all welcome.

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Art at the Beach



Sue Salton, Bee Lilli, Graham Anderson and Gail Ivins with a few of the works which will be on show at the Art at the Beach exhibition at Newton, Porthcawl.

A GROUP of four Porthcawl artists and photographers are busy preparing an unusual and stunning variety of locally-produced art for their unique summer art show this weekend.

The exhibition is in support of the local RNLI funds and will be open to the public, free of charge at Beach Road, Newton Beach, Porthcawl CF36 5NE from 10am to 5pm on August 12-13.

Photographer Sue Salton numbers the Royal ousehold and St Paul's Cathedral among her star-studded clients. Since moving to her beach front studio in Newton, she has been "bowled over by the ever-changing Porthcawl seascapes, sunrises and sunsets" which greet her every morning.

Her photographer's eye and state of the art presentation means that even those of us who share the vista every day are given the opportunity to see

it through her uniquely talented eyes.

Award winning expressionist painter Bee Lilli, founder and editor of Facebook's Porthcawl Artists Online Gallery, describes herself as "Painting For Joy".

From her studio in Hutchwns Close, she uses a variety of mixed media to share her eclectic artistic vision. Inspired by nature in all its moods, her latest award was given for a view from Locks Common with Sker House and the steelworks in the distance. Bee's enthusiasm for her art shines through all her work.

Well known local wildlife artist Graham Anderson will exhibit a collection of local images and paintings inspired by nature in all its moods. Graham has a unique style of painting with oils, which captures birds animals and landscape in his own special style.

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Colwinston JOGLE cyclists complete marathon challenge



GEM readers may recall that two weeks ago we ran a story about a group of Colwinston residents who were tackling the marathon cycling challenge of riding from John O'Groats to Lands End.

Well, we are delighted to confirm that the group, five cyclists and six support workers, completed the challenge last Friday evening, and made a triumphant return to Colwinston on Saturday afternoon (August 5) where they were welcomed by a large crowd at the village pub, the Sycamore Tree Inn.

The aim had been to raise money for Velindre Cancer Centre, and representatives of Velindre were there to award the group their own gold medals!

The pub was decked out in the green colours of Velindre, and it wasn't long before the stars of the day were being sprayed with champagne, Grand Prix style.

The group called JOGLE4CANCER was made up of Catherine Perkins, Laura Hetherington, Michael Wilkinson,

Dave Frost, David Thomas, Clive Edwards, Alun Austin, Roy Stokes, John Lloyd, Karen Stokes, Jason Williams, Brett Clew.

Speaking to the crowd, Alun Austin, who was one of the support team, announced that the total raised by the cycling effort had passed £34,000.

The challenge took 10 days to complete, and the cyclists had their support team with them the whole way – and there were times when they needed them!

People safe at home might have complained about the recent unpredictable weather, but it was much, much worse for the cyclists, who faced storms, gale force winds and even a brief visit to A&E for one of the team.

Luckily, it was superficial damage and all five cyclists completed the entire 900 mile route relatively unscathed!

The challenge grabbed the attention of local media as they travelled the length of the country, and the team were even interviewed live by BBC Radio Bristol!

Colwinston residents joined in the cycling effort too. The landlady of the Sycamore Tree, Jo

Frost, explained: "We put an exercise bike in the bar, and customers and local residents came in to try and clock up miles."

"We wondered if we could match the mileage being done by the JOGLE cyclists; in fact, so many people wanted to join in, that we had to get hold of a second bike!"

"In the end, our cyclists managed 1,042 miles – and we were delighted with that total."

Funds raised through the efforts on the stationary bikes were passed on to the cyclists, and are included in the £34,000.

The head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris said: "The group took on a really tough challenge, and as well as spending lots of time training, they showed a huge commitment to their fundraising, their efforts have been exceptional."

"Everyone at Velindre is really grateful for their support."

Money is still being donated to mark the terrific effort made by the group, and the JOGLE4CANCER just giving page can be found on www.justgiving.com/jogle4cancer

AFTERNOON TEA AT THE MUSEUM



The hard-working volunteers at Porthcawl Museum, served over 50 homemade afternoon teas at the Y Centre last week.

Many thanks to them all for making this a successful event and to

all those who purchased tickets, members and non-members alike, for helping to support the town's museum.

Report and photos by
DAVID SWIDENBANK.



Icelandic Scout Moot meets with approval for Bridgend's Lewis

(Continued from page 1).

"Hiking one of the highest mountains in Iceland, cycling around the city and making trails for others to use in their lifetimes has ensured that my participation in the Moot has been worthwhile and the memories will remain with for the rest of my life."

Julia Bradbury, Scout Ambassador, said:

"Huge congratulations to the 500 Scouts who represented the UK at the 15th World Scout Moot in Iceland. The precious time they spent enjoying adventures and learning about different world cultures will make a lasting impression. I'm particularly pleased that they spent time hiking across the spectacular Icelandic landscape. As a huge advocate of walking, I there's no better way to get to know a country and yourself."

The World Scout Moot is a gathering of Scouts aged from 18–25 from across

the globe. The event was supported by an international service team made up of leaders from Scout Association's across the world.

The UK contingent took over 500 participants to the event, where they joined in with 5,000 participants from over 80 countries around the world. Together, they spent nine days having

adventures, learning new skills and discovering different cultures.

The key element of the Moot was that all participants took part in a multi-centred mini expedition. Participants were spread out over 11 centres across the Icelandic landscape, chosen to provide excellent camping facilities in spectacular surroundings.



"Iceland adventure will stay with me for the rest of my life" says Lewis Murray from Bridgend.

Two new directors are appointed by Bridgend social housing company

VALLEYS to Coast Housing (V2C) has appointed a new director of operations and director of resources. She will be replacing Alun Rawlins, who will be retiring in September. Sarah's previous role was director of finance and ICT for Cardiff Community Housing Association. Before that, she was the assistant director of finance at Gwalia (now the Pobol Group), and also director of finance for Tenovus, the cancer charity.

Paul Ryall-Friend, V2C's deputy chief executive, who joined the company in March, becomes director of operations. Sarah Prescott, appointed director of resources,

is V2C's company secretary, and joined the company in July. She will be replacing Alun Rawlins, who will be retiring in September. Sarah's previous role was director of finance and ICT for Cardiff Community Housing Association. Before that, she was the assistant director of finance at Gwalia (now the Pobol Group), and also director of finance for Tenovus, the cancer charity.

MEDICAL SCIENCE NEWS

Bloating? Constipation? Diarrhoea? Abdominal Pain?

Up to 13 Million Brits affected!

You repeatedly suffer from constipation or diarrhoea, bloating or abdominal pain? You are not alone by far! In many cases the cause is Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). The fantastic news is: A promising relief for IBS is finally available in the UK – Kijimea IBS!

The mystery of IBS finally solved

Recurring intestinal problems have been a mystery for a long time. The search for a possible cause took scientists years and years – until they discovered what may be to blame: a chronic bowel disease called IBS. But that is not all: Today, experts are increasingly convinced that IBS may be caused by small damages in the intestinal barrier. These allow pollutants and pathogens to enter the intestinal wall and to trigger the typical IBS symptoms.

Fantastic news for IBS sufferers

Thanks to a breakthrough discovery by a group of renowned scientists it is now possible to treat IBS symptoms effectively. How? With a globally unique bifidobacterium (*B. bifidum* MIMBb75), contained only in Kijimea IBS. Here is what is so special about it: This fascinating bacteria strain attaches itself directly to the surface of the intestinal wall and forms a protective layer.

Amazing study results

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FAMILY IN A DRAMATIC RIVER RESCUE AT OGMORE CASTLE

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"They didn't know I had my dog leads, house keys, handbag and other important items in the car."

Then Steve appeared in the car park on the other side of the river.

"He turned up in his car and got out to try and get to my car, but the water was quite deep and black."

"He reversed his car back up the narrow road and I thought he was going to leave, but he came walking down to the water with no shoes, socks or trousers! He waded through the water and got to my car and as he

opened the door, the water rushed in.

"Luckily, the car started and he managed to reverse it through the water and up to the road. I couldn't believe it – this perfect stranger had saved my car."

"He then had the courtesy to meet me with my car key and dog leads."

"We made it home safe and sound with no real harm done, just a bit of water in the footwell."

"I don't know how I can ever repay this man's kindness. It shows that there are some good people out there."

"Unfortunately, the other white car was not able to be saved in time and was under water."

"It shocked me that the tide came in so quick. Perhaps it's about time cars were banned from parking by the river, or at least there were some warning signs at the gateway."

Tracey said that she wanted to publicly thank Steve for his kindness.

"Steve was a hero to my family that day. He didn't know me and he didn't have to help us, but he did, and I am forever grateful."

"I'd like to say to him: 'Thank you from Tracey and the Gardiner family'."

Tracey is now hoping for some warm weather so the car can dry out.

Toddle baby Marnie has something to smile about!

NO wonder baby Marnie is looking pleased with herself – she and her family have helped raise a magnificent £2,820 to help Barnardo's Cymru's work with vulnerable children!

Marnie's mum Celyn Astrauskas organised a Barnardo's Big Toddle along Porthcawl's promenade in June and now all the money is in, she's hoping to repeat the event next year.

"People said they had a lot of fun and I'm already thinking about putting on another toddle next year," said Celyn who is also mum to Sonny, two.

"I had great fun organising it. There was a lot of work involved however it made for a very successful day, which was fantastic."

Celyn organised Tellytubbies costumes and encouraged fellow mums at Monkey Music classes to take part. She was surprised at how interest grew once she put the event on Facebook.

"For me, the best part was seeing all the children and families with beaming

smiles. I'd love to thank everyone who helped out, my husband Mark and my family who were amazing. I can't thank everyone enough for getting involved."

The Big Toddle is now in its 20th year as a UK-wide event and has raised more than £14m in that time, but it began in Porthcawl as a one off event put on by the town's Barnardo's Helper Group.

Liz Singer, one of those original helpers, was back on the start line again this year and is delighted that Celyn has resurrected the Toddle in Porthcawl.

Sarah Crawley, Director of Barnardo's Cymru, said: "This is a wonderful fundraising achievement and we are very grateful to all who took part."

"We work with some of the most vulnerable children, young people and families in Wales and it's events like this that can help us make a difference."

"We hope it will become an annual event in Porthcawl once more."



Bank holiday bike ride for Marie Curie hospice



ON Sunday, August 27 (Bank Holiday Sunday), locals from the Edmondes Arms pub in Cowbridge will be holding a Fun Bike Ride to raise funds for Marie Curie Trust Holme Tower Hospice.

The event gets under way at 10am behind Cowbridge Town Hall and everyone is welcome to join in. If you don't have a bike, no problem – Simon (from Cowbridge Cycle Centre) has come to the rescue, offering loan bikes for the event (contact Simon at his store on Bear Lane on 01446 773273).

If cycling isn't for you, then donate, sponsor a friend, or join the fun in the afternoon at the Edmondes Arms for a barbecue, live music and an evening auction with some fantastic lots, including: golf for four at Machynys; a luxury overnight stay at Coed-y-Mwster with evening meal; tickets to

see Cardiff City; a Spa day at the Vale; a falcon flying experience; Bar44 canapes and cava reception for up to 20 people; your very own tub of Fablas ice cream; Amanda Jones Jewellery, a Lemon Tree manicure and much more – something for everyone.

The event is to remember Kevin Barry, who died from cancer last year.

The route is from Cowbridge Town Hall to the Edmondes Arms and will go via Ewenny, Ogmere, St Brides, Wick, past Llantwit Major and St Athan, then Llanbadle, Bonvilston and finally back to Cowbridge, a distance of about 30 miles.

Entrants to the Fun Bike Ride are asked for a voluntary £20 per person, to be donated to the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth.

Donate at the Edmondes Arms, with the tin-rattlers on the day, or by visiting the Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Edmondes-Bike-Ride.

£46m PFI SHOCK

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"Having this new school also freed up the former senior school site at Llangynwyd so that a new Welsh medium comprehensive for the borough could be set up. So there were some pluses."

"However, council taxpayers are having to

pay back these inflated sums. In Wales as a whole, local authorities are indebted to the tune of £1.6 billion."

"My main concern is the way in which many of these deals were handled and with the fact that they mortgage future spending – in Bridgend's case until 2033."

Farm security advice

NFU Cymru is teaming up with South Wales Police to promote farm security and advise farmers of the many different ways to help reduce thefts on farm.

Following the launch of its Combatting Rural Crime report at the Royal Welsh Show, NFU Cymru was turning its stand at the Vale of Glamorgan Show yesterday into a farm security haven, with security companies and the Police advising showgoers on how to prevent farm thefts.

Dragon Fire and Security were demonstrating the latest CCTV technology available to farmers and Armorguard, who specialise in the manufacturing of secure

storage products, were also on the stand, to help provide solutions to secure tools, materials and hazardous substances and deter thieves.

Abi Reader, Glamorgan NFU Cymru County chair said: "Rural crime is something that the farming community here in Glamorgan fall victim to on many occasions, especially as many farms are situated near the motorway."

"That is why we were taking the opportunity at the Vale Show to showcase some of the ways farmers can secure their farm and deter thieves."

"I would strongly recommend members learn more about farm security."

'Not just broken Tory promise, it's a betrayal'

by CHRIS ELMORE, MP for Ogmere

THE summer recess has come to mean one thing over the past seven years: more bad news for Wales from the Tories. This year was no exception.

Many MPs had been looking forward to taking a little time out and to spend more time in their constituencies over the parliamentary recess.

It seems the UK Government had decided that this was a good time to sneak out as much bad news as they could, to try to catch us on the back foot.

In all, the Tories snuck out a whopping 22 written statements about various different issues, with one clear theme in common: bad news.

Perhaps the most shocking statement was from Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, which notified us that the planned and widely-heralded rail electrification to Swansea had been scrapped.

On countless occasions, both the previous Transport Secretary and the Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns MP, have affirmed that this vital project would go ahead.

This is not just a broken promise: it is a betrayal of our communities across south Wales.

Alun Cairns said in 2015: "This project will transform the lives of people across south Wales by attracting investors, linking businesses to suppliers and connecting people to jobs."

I agreed with his comments about the project at the time, but I was always sceptical that they would follow through with such an ambitious development.

It's clear that, following their disastrous 2017 general election result up and down Wales, the UK Government is seeking to punish those areas which rejected their weak Prime Minister's plans for the country, by stifling the economic opportunities this project would bring across south Wales.

They have cancelled this plan to save money and to further prevent



rural areas from becoming more economically prosperous.

One thing the Tories didn't consider when they snuck in this u-turn was their weak position as a Government. The 28 Welsh Labour MPs who were elected in June will not let them off the hook.

We will ensure that the Transport Secretary is brought to the House of Commons to explain this disgraceful decision, following the parliamentary recess.

I and my other Welsh Labour colleagues will not allow our communities to be treated this way. People are sick and tired of being told infrastructural improvements are coming and then never seeing them materialise. I will not allow the voices of the communities which this project would have benefited to go unheard.

If you would like to pass your comments onto me about this issue, I would be delighted to hear from you. You can, of course, email me via chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk or by calling my office on 01656 860 034.

The people of south Wales will not forget how easily the Tories have neglected them just weeks after a general election.

Strong and stable? With u-turn after u-turn, this Government edges ever closer to collapse.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bridgend Quiz League results

THIS week's posers from Bridgend Quiz League are as follows:

1. Who invented 'The Difference Engine', an early form of computer?

2. Who wrote 'The Magic Faraway Tree'?

3. What is a white-edged Blue Baron?

The 2017/2018 season will commence on Monday, September 4 with the Muriel

Williams quiz and team registration event to be held at Tondy Railway Club starting at 8pm.

There will be a free to enter, open to all, general knowledge quiz with a buffet provided. Why not come along and see what we are all about? There is no obligation to join the League.

For more information, visit bridgendquiz.com.

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Call to Old Wick School reunion

A REUNION for former pupils – pre-1962 vintage – of the Old Wick School takes place on Wednesday, August 16 at the Lamb & Flag in Wick.

Organiser and old boy Gareth Woodham told The GEM that those attending are invited to

bring along old photos, school reports and other memorabilia to be included in a commemorative booklet to be produced.

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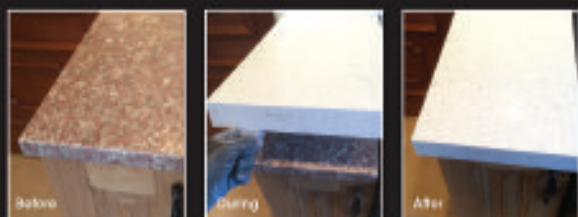
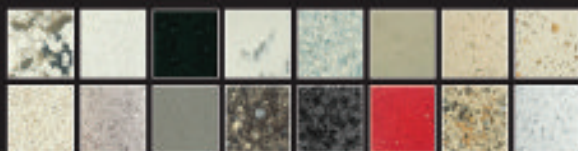
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ABOVE: Dog owner Jan Godfrey-Coles with her four-year-old Staffie cross Blodwen who was rescued by RNLI Burry Port lifeboat crew members with Alun Wells and Karlien Heyrman from Vets4Pets.

'RESPECT THE WATER' Vets partnership spreads RNLI's safety message

THE RNLI has launched a pilot partnership with national veterinary group Vets4Pets, to support its "Respect the Water campaign".

As part of the pilot

programme, Welsh lifeboat stations will work closely with Vets4Pets' 22 practice to focus on a key group of users which the RNLI has identified as being at risk when on or near the coast – dog walkers.

Helen Church, the RNLI's community safety partner for Wales and West, said: "This pilot partnership is a brilliant opportunity to work with an organisation that in many ways is similar to the RNLI.

"We know dog walkers are an 'at risk' group when walking their pets around water and the coast, which means Vets4Pets is an ideal partner for us as we continue to deliver water safety messages." The partnership will see RNLI lifeboat stations joining forces with their local Vets4Pets practice to provide support for work each other does in the local community. This will include tailoring First Aid pet workshops to include water safety messages

and vets and vet nurses advising RNLI volunteers on how best to handle pets they have rescued.

"More than 200 walkers have died since 2011 around our coast, many when walking their dog and our annual Respect the Water drowning prevention campaign helps us to focus on advising people to give water the healthy respect it deserves," added Helen. "A key message we'll be working on with Vets4Pets, is to convey to pet owners that we would not encourage people to enter water to save pets. More often than not, the person themselves can get into danger, further escalating the jeopardy and the need for a rescue.

"Instead, people should call the Coastguard on 112 or 999 when at coastal locations or 112 or 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue service when at any inland waterside location. The RNLI will attend a pet in distress."



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'Good management' avoids disappointed young footballers

AUGUST is an exciting month for local youngsters who are looking forward to the new football season.

Squads are assembled, training starts and friendly football matches are arranged.

But we live in an ultra-competitive world, and sometimes players can move from one club to another, even in junior football.

Sometimes youngsters miss out on playing for a particular team because they don't meet the playing standard, or the number of youngsters exceeds the total allowed in a squad.

It can lead to disappointed players and angry parents.

Lee Saunders is well placed to address some of these issues.

He has been involved in local football for 26 years. Lee is an administrator in local mini-football and is also a coach with AFC Wolves, who play in the Barry and District League.

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He said: "Mini football is not so much about competition. It is all about participation – playing, playing, playing. Football then gets competitive at junior level."

Junior football comprises teams from under 12s to under 16s.

Squads of up to 20 youngsters can be accommodated. A "match day squad" is 16 players, and with five substitutions allowed, it means all the match day players might get a game.

Lee said communicating with the parents was essential. "We create a family atmosphere – that includes the players and the parents."

"This season we've got a squad of 19 players. I've explained to the parents that there is a maximum of 16 players in a match day squad."

"We will be rotating players from the full squad to make sure all of the lads get a fair crack of the whip."

Over the years, Lee has worked with the same players, and avoided a big turnover with lots of players leaving and new ones arriving. From time to time he loses players to other sporting fixtures,

such as a rugby match, and that's where a squad of up to 20 players is a help.

He said: "The last thing you want is to be left with a squad of just 11."

If things are well managed on a long-term basis, Lee believes it can avoid youngsters being disappointed because they've missed out on either playing or a club's full squad for the season.

If you have any views on this topic, please email: editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk.

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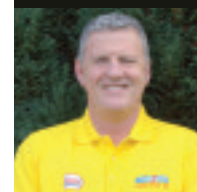
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CAVC are running summer camps for 11-16 year olds.



'Full investigation required into health board contracts'

"THE scandal into the awarding of potentially unlawful contracts by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board must not be brushed under the carpet," South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

Mr Davies made the comments after raising the issue at First Minister's Questions, claiming that health board staff and users would have little confidence in Carwyn Jones' response.

The health board paid consultants £1,000 a day, plus expenses, a decision criticised for "numerous and significant failings" by the Auditor General for Wales.

The news emerged on the same day that over 70 doctors and nurses were ordered to pay £68,000 in parking fines at the University Hospital of Wales.

Mr Davies said: "This is one of the most damning reports I have seen in my 10 years as an Assembly Member – and with the health board in special measures there are clearly questions for the Welsh Government to answer.

"Carwyn Jones attempted to deflect

blame – saying the questions were for the Health Board to answer – but this is not good enough.

In response to The GEM, a Welsh Government spokesperson said: "The Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales has written to all health boards seeking urgent assurance that good governance arrangements in relation to procurement and recruitment are in place across Wales."

Mr Davies continued: "[Carwyn Jones] had to be pressed into saying he had confidence in the Health Board chair, and his lack of knowledge into its recruitment practices is deeply worrying.

"This suggests the Welsh Government are not willing to take action, but staff and patients will not put up with this being swept under the carpet – especially when astronomical parking fines have been issued on health board sites.

"It is quite clear a full and proper investigation is needed to get to the bottom of why a £150,000 contract was awarded without so much as an interview – and hold those responsible to account. Doing nothing will not wash."

ANYONE interested in a future career as a game designer, hair and beauty expert, or robotic engineer, can attend a Cardiff and Vale College summer camp for 11 to 16-year-olds.

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CAVC has held its first Tech Tournament Camp at the Microsoft Visual Academy in its City Centre campus, where the young people designed their own computer game.

Working in small teams on programming systems, plus an advert for the game, they then pitched to judges. A further tech tournament camp will be held this month.

A hair and beauty camp will give young people the opportunity to get creative and learn new make-up and hair techniques with CAVC's industry experts;

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Women in Wales help the Save the Children charity tackle poverty



Save the Children accepts the cheque from Women in Wales.

The Women in Wales charity lunch celebrated its 25th anniversary by presenting Save the Children with a cheque for £30,000 last month.

The sell-out lunch attracted its biggest ever audience of 500 guests, with the Princess Royal as the guest of honour and entrepreneur, Cath Kidston as the speaker.

Headline sponsor Bluestone National Resort and the lunch's other sponsors, joined the Women in Wales committee at the SSE Swalec Stadium for the cheque handing-over ceremony,

where Save the Children confirmed that the donation would go towards the Welsh project, Eat, Sleep Learn. Play programme for families living below the 'poverty line'.

If you would like to support next year's lunch, or wish to find out more about the Women in Wales charity, please visit www.womeninwales.org.uk.

For regular up to date news, you can follow Women in Wales on facebook: Women in Wales luncheon.

Report by JAYNE JAMES

Vale Bridge Club news

THE latest results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 7, are as follows:

First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts, 74.17 per cent; second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford, 65.2 per cent; third, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris, 62.50 per cent.

Fundraising walk for the Noah's Ark appeal

'Please support our 10k' say charity

THE Noah's Ark charity is calling on families from across Wales to sign up to its three or 10k Family Fun Walk in Cardiff Bay on Sunday, September 17.

The charity supports the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales, which delivers specialist and life-saving care to 73,000 children from across Wales each year.

For Alison and husband Stephen, from Bridgend, this will be their fourth Family Fun Walk.

Alison said: "It gives us pleasure to do this small thing and support a charity that helps enable children to be treated near their homes in Wales. It provides as much comfort as is possible during the time that they have to spend at the hospital."

A record breaking 280 men, women and children took part in the Family Fun Walk last September. Now in its fourth year, the aim is to make the 2017 event bigger and better than ever.

Senior fundraiser, Linda Davies, said: "There's always a really friendly, warm atmosphere at the fun walk and it's as lovely to welcome new families and it is to see others returning year on year. Last year,

the event raised close to £16,000 for the children's hospital, which is an incredible amount of money."

Registration for the event costs £5 per person, which includes a free t-shirt and bottle of water. Fancy dress is optional and there will be various activities to keep little walkers entertained on the day.

The route is completely accessible to pushchairs and wheelchair users. To sign up, visit: <https://noahsarkcharity.org/events/familyfunwalk2017/>.



Stephen and Alison from Bridgend will be among those taking part in the Family Fun Walk again this year.

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Out & About with The GEM

Valerian is visually stunning and ambitious, but narratively leggy

LUC BESSON has been one of cinema's most exciting voices since breaking through in the late 1980s.

Having flitted from directing intimate works with big budget spectacles, Besson may have a somewhat hit and miss strike rate, but his films are always indelibly his own.

His latest film sees him tackle the comic book series *Valerian* and *Laureline* with *Valerian* and *The City of a Thousand Planets*. Starring Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne, who play the titular characters, when a unknown energy force threatens the Alpha (the titular city made up of a thousand ships) the pair must try and track down who and what is causing the mysterious force and stop them before it engulfs Alpha...

Valerian... sees Luc Besson tread similar ground

What's in a (sur)name?

The next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will be held on Monday August 21 at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig CF32 9RF. The speaker will be Dane Brook, who will be talking on SURNAMES at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

BBC game show seeks contestants

A NEW BBC game show by Avalon, the BBC, and the creators of Taskmaster, is looking for contestants who live in a household of two or more people, "are all up for a good laugh", and fancy competing in a series of fun challenges together.

Applications close on August 28 and filming takes place in October.

Contact TheButton@avalon-entertainment.com or call 207 598 7279 for details.

to *The Fifth Element*, his highly divisive sci-fi film that saw Bruce Willis play a future-set taxi driver and Gary Oldman with a haircut to end all haircuts. That film was cinematic Marmite and, 20 years later, you can imagine *Valerian* may well find itself in similar territory, a film that is both sublime yet also ridiculous.

It is Besson at his most visually ambitious, but equally at his most narratively clunky; the plot is a thin one that doesn't need a 137-minute running time that sometimes feels like Besson is overly-indulging in his love for these characters.

Yet visually, the film is stunning, brightly coloured sets, clever gags on the way humanity (and alien life) has involved over the course of centuries and some highly satisfying set-pieces that come with Besson's trademark visual élan.

This is a director enjoying his subject matter and his ability to create endless new worlds and situations, and you can see how deeply his thought process has gone with some very interesting little touches that are gorgeously realised.

He has a strong, if uneven, central pairing in Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne as the agents tasked with solving the mystery; they share a keen



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spark and satisfying chemistry, but Delevingne is the more impressive of the two.

Given that Besson is renowned for his strong female characters, it's not surprising that Laureline (despite her lack of an appearance in the title) is the dominant character, industrious, smart and not afraid to get involved in the fistcuffs, and Delevingne makes for an impressive turn.

DeHaan isn't by any means poor, but he feels a little less convincing as the suave, ice-cool Valerian and there are times when he doesn't quite have the personality to carry the role.

With pleasing turns from the likes of Clive Owen, Rihanna and Ethan Hawke bringing colour to the background, it's a likeable enough affair, but the story is where the film's main fault lies.

After an overly long set-up to introduce the characters (prefaced by a zingy and witty telling of how Alpha came to be so gigantic), the actual plot is both overly simple and predictable, yet Besson wrings out nearly two hours devoted to the solving of the mystery.

It's overly long and the subplot of Valerian trying to convince Laureline of his affections and asking for her hand in marriage doesn't land with enough conviction to truly

satisfy.

What helps is the universe that Besson has created for the film, every frame crammed full with different aliens and life forms, which keeps you watching, but he either needed a more complex plot for the running time, or a shorter running time with the existing plot for it to wholly succeed.

It's not that *Valerian*... is a bad film; far from it - more adventures of the pair would be hugely welcome if it means Besson spending more time behind the camera, rather than shepherding countless films and TV shows as a producer, but it's a little too uneven for it to be an undoubted success. As it is, it's a wildly diverting and pleasing effort.

VERDICT: A gorgeously-shot blockbuster that is lacking somewhat in the story department, *Valerian* and *The City of a Thousand Planets* is still an enjoyable film, with solid turns from the cast and Luc Besson at his visually most inventive. Tighter plotting would have made the film even better, but as it is, it's still a hefty slice of summer fun. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Fifth Element* (1997), *Avatar* (2009).

What's on and where...

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, August 13 at 2pm, 'Trains, boats and maybe planes!', starting from Penarth cliff top car park.

On Tuesday, August 15 at 1.30pm, 'Beach and dovecote', starting at Llantwit Major railway station car park.

On Wednesday, August 16 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston coffee shop strollers meet outside the visitor centre.

Also on August 16 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major coffee shop strollers meet at the town hall car park, Llantwit Major.

Coffee morning
A CHARITY coffee morning will be held in the All Saints Church Main Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Saturday, August 12 from 10am until 11.30am. Entry £1, to include tea/coffee. Grab yourself a bargain; all proceeds to charity.

St Lawrence Church service
THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock, will remember its patron saint on Sunday, August 13 at 3pm.

All attending will receive a warm welcome and enjoy singing well known hymns to Anne Thomas's accompaniment on the harmonium.

The preacher will be Rev Mark Jones from the Parish of Penarth and Llandough.

The church car park can be found on the left of Fort Road just before the church. Enquiries to Rev Margaret Stark on 029 20701303; for more information about the former church, see the website: lavernockchurch.net.

RBL meeting

THE Royal British Legion Barry's August branch meeting

will be held in Cadroxton Conservative Club (Centenary Room) on Tuesday, August 15 at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in joining, volunteering or finding out more are all welcome.

Call Teresa on 07776 111385 for more details or see Facebook 'Poppy Appeal Barry South Wales'.

Horticultural show
LLANTWIT MAJOR
Horticultural Society holds its annual vegetable and flower show on August 19 at the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

The full range of classes for entries can be seen at www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com. Schedules are also available from 39 Bedford Rise, Llantwit Major.

Exhibits are welcome from 8.30am to 10.45am and the show opens from 2pm to 5pm. There will be a flower arranging demonstration at 2.30pm, plus craft stalls, preserves and honey and cup cakes.

Age Connects

DO you worry about tax? Do you know if you are paying the correct amount? Are you nervous about approaching The Inland Revenue or help with form filling?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale will run a free tax advice surgery at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, August 21 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Telecare Vale of Glamorgan Project aims to improve quality of life by helping vulnerable and isolated people manage the risks of living in their own home with a simple easy to use device. Visit the Age Connects Senior Health Shop for further information on Tuesday,

August 15 from 10am to 12 noon; no appointment is needed, just call in.

Are you worried about crime or disorder in your area? Gethin from Safer Vale in Barry will be available to discuss these issues at a drop-in information session on Tuesday, August 15 from 10am to 12 noon at the Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop. No appointment is needed; just call in.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Get online

DO you need free help on how to use a computer or tablet, or want to learn new skills?

Digital Champions from Newydd Housing Association and the Vale have set up drop-in sessions to help learn new or improve current skills.

A session is held every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. You can bring your own equipment, or use equipment provided; one to one support is given. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Launch of This Cruising Life

LOCAL author Carole May is holding the book launch of *This Cruising Life* at Barry Central Library on Saturday, August 19 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

The book tells the story of Carole and husband Ron's travels around the globe on board their vessel *Sonadora*.

Everybody is welcome to attend and refreshments will be available.

'Pioneering' apprenticeship programme

A 'PIONEERING' apprenticeship programme for 14 to 16-year-olds at Cardiff and Vale College has been so successful, the Welsh Government is looking to roll the programme out across Wales, said a spokesperson.

The Welsh Government is encouraging other colleges and local authorities to pick up on CAVC's Young Apprenticeship programme.

Jointly funded by Welsh Government Creative Solutions, CAVC, Cardiff Council

and Cardiff schools, the Junior Apprenticeship programme was launched in September 2016 to increase the number of young people in education, employment and training.

Offering Year-10 and 11 pupils the opportunity to study full-time for a future career in a college setting from the age of 14, the Junior Apprenticeship programme is the only one of its kind in Wales and has seen the first cohort of Year-11s all successfully graduate and secure a place on a higher level course at CAVC or an apprenticeship.

Foot long sausage!

AS a rule, The GEM shies away from using puff pieces, flaky stories and fillers, and instead relies on hard news to fill column inches.

However, a 30-centimetre (12 inches in old money) sausage roll from Morrisons in Barry just had to be squeezed in. Morrisons claims it is the "largest sausage roll in the UK."

Weighing in at nearly half a kilogram (one pound), the sausage roll is double the length and

four times the weight of some competitors.

Available from the supermarket on Heol Ceiniog, the Foot Long Sausage Roll is freshly baked in-store by its Market Street bakers, Morrisons say it created the giant sausage roll "...in response to customers".

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'We have a duty to remember the trauma of Passchendaele'

THE Battle of Passchendaele is a "national trauma that we have a duty to remember", says South Wales Central regional AM, Andrew RT Davies.

The Welsh Conservative leader attended the moving service at the Welsh Memorial Park in Langemark, near Ypres, this week to pay his respects.

Among the units who participated in the Battle of Passchendaele were the 38th (Welsh) Division, the 29th Division, including the 2nd Battalion South Wales Borderers and the 2nd Battalion Monmouthshire Regiment, the Welsh Guards, the Welsh Regiment and the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Several memorial stones were unveiled at the service to commemorate them.

Mr Davies said: "It was deeply moving to take part in the service and pay tribute to all of



Mr Davies at the memorial in Langemark where wreaths were laid to commemorate those who gave their lives in the Battle of Passchendaele.

those who gave their lives in the Battle of Passchendaele.

"The sheer magnitude of human life lost on this foreign battlefield is almost unfathomable today, and is a national trauma that we have a duty to reflect on.

"Countless Welsh servicemen and women participated and it was an honour to see memorial stones unveiled to commemorate the Welsh divisions who fought in the First World War, including the South

Wales Borderers.

"A hundred years on, we owe our eternal gratitude to those who gave their lives in such tragic circumstances, so that we could have a peaceful future.

"We will never forget the sacrifice they made."

Coastguard and RNLI aid plucky pedal-powered boat



RNLI vessels alongside the Sweeney Pro.

ON Sunday, August 6, Barry Coastguard and the RNLI were called to attend an eight-metre-long, pedal-powered boat – SweeneyPro – that had suffered mechanical failure while on a record-breaking attempt to circumnavigate Great Britain.

The vessel had set off from Cardiff Bay the day before.

A spokesman said: "The vessel was brought into Barry Harbour by Penarth inshore lifeboat.

"We wish the skipper the very best of luck when he continues his challenge after making the necessary repairs."

Kieran Sweeney, pedalling the vessel, is attempting the first solo unsupported pedal-powered circumnavigation of the UK.

The epic, and exhausting, voyage by this plucky chap will raise funds for Ty Hafan and The Children's Heart Unit Fund.

To follow Mr Sweeney's progress, and to donate to his chosen causes, visit www.sweeneypro.com.

Barry man wanted for 'recall to prison'

SOUTH Wales Police are keen to know the whereabouts of Paul Junior Thomas, aged 28, from Barry (right).

A police spokeswoman said: "He is wanted for 'recall to prison'.

"If you have seen Paul or know of his



whereabouts, call 101 quoting reference number: 1700283755."

Poppy Weeping Window on show in Cardiff Bay

A poppy sculpture entitled Weeping Window, by artist Paul Cummins and designer Tom Piper, is now open outside the Senedd in Cardiff, as part of the UK-wide tour of the poppies organised by 14-18 NOW, the UK's arts programme for the First World War centenary.

The Weeping Window sculpture, made up of thousands of ceramic poppies, will be on display until September 24.

It forms part of Wales' programme of events marking the centenary of the First World War, which takes place across the country.

The Weeping Window exhibition will coincide with the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, which took the lives of many Welshmen, including Bardic poet Hedd Wyn.

Weeping Window is one of two sculptures taken from the installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red – poppies and original concept by artist Paul Cummins and installation designed by Tom Piper.

The installation was originally at HM Tower of London in 2014, where 888,246 poppies were

displayed, one for every British or Empire life lost at the Front during the First World War.

The installation was by Paul Cummins Ceramics Limited, in conjunction with Historic Royal Palaces.

Weeping Window is the cascade of poppies that was seen pouring out of a high window down to the grass below.

For the first time, visitors will be able to view the sculpture from all sides, including behind, through the Senedd's floor to ceiling windows.

In addition, on Thursday evenings this month, the Senedd will be open until 8pm, for visitors to see the sculpture as the light changes, and the Senedd café will be open for longer to accommodate this.

Since the tour of Wave and Weeping Window began, the sculptures have been seen by over 2.7 million people.

Following the presentation in Cardiff, Weeping Window will be at Ulster Museum in Belfast from October 14 to December 3. Wave will be on display at CWGC Plymouth Naval Memorial from August 23 to November 19.

BELOW:

Left to right – Ann Jones AM, designer Tom Piper, Lady Susie Sainsbury, artist Paul Cummins and Jenny Waldman, director of 14-18 NOW, unveil Weeping Window, which is from the Poppy installation Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red.

Photos by the Press Association.



Children, now generations apart from the British and Empire sailors, soldiers and airmen that fought and died in the Great War to prevent German expansionism, reflect on Weeping Window at the Senedd.



Farming industry unites to call on UK Government for commitments over post-Brexit transition plans

A NUMBER of farming organisations, including NFU Cymru, have come together to issue a joint statement to the UK Government to provide short-term certainty for the industry – as exiting the European Union and the Common Agricultural Policy draws closer.

The 14 organisations say governments across the UK need to work together with the farmers and land managers to prepare for a new long-standing free trade agreement which retains and grows opportunities for food trade

with the EU and the rest of the world.

They also call for commitments on transition that will allow the UK to remain in the Customs Union until a full free trade agreement is in place with the EU.

NFU Cymru President, Stephen James said: "Farming organisations from across the UK have come together with one voice to re-iterate the importance of the UK farming industry in terms of producing food of the highest quality alongside caring for and managing our treasured environment and landscape.

"UK farming makes a significant contribution in terms of jobs and revenue to the UK

economy, to ensure that our industry can capitalise on future opportunities and continue to grow we have set out a number of key issues that the UK Government must address to manage our transition out of the EU.

"This includes maintaining unfettered access to EU markets, ensuring a fairer and more transparent UK supply chain and the importance of the UK Government working in partnership with the Welsh Government to jointly agree and establish policy and budgetary frameworks for UK farming."

Couple celebrating 70th wedding anniversary say secret to long marriage is in sharing holidays

A COUPLE who live together at a care home in Cardiff have revealed the secret to their long marriage – sharing lovely holidays.

Reg Williams, 94, and his wife Beryl, 91, both live at Tŷ Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Pontcanna celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this month.

Reg was an RAF flight officer and saw action against Japan in Burma during the Second World War, while Beryl was a member of the Women's Royal Naval Service – known as the Wrens.

After the war, the pair, who were both born in Cardiff, were employed by the local gas board, he as a printing officer and she as a supervisor.

They met at a party organised by Beryl's cousin. Reg and Beryl soon married and have been practically inseparable since.

Reg originally arrived at Tŷ Llandaff for short-term respite care earlier this year, before Beryl joined him for nursing care.

He returned home, but could not be without his beloved wife, so came back to the care home in Conway Road, which was recently named in the Top 20 Recommended Care Homes in Wales for 2017 by a leading UK care home website, to become a permanent resident.

Less than one per cent of married couples live together in care homes in the UK and, controversially some local authorities will separate them from living in the same care home, if they do not meet certain criteria.

But, clearly, there was no way this couple were going to live in different care homes.

Reg said: "I was so impressed with Tŷ Llandaff when I first arrived and I thought it would be great for Beryl to come and stay with me as she was beginning



Reg and Beryl Williams.

to need more care. I loved our home, so I returned when I felt better, but soon came back. I couldn't be without her. We've been together for 70 years.

"Everyone is friendly at the care home and Beryl is getting all the care she needs. I love being in the same place, knowing she is being looked after.

"There is plenty to do. I enjoy attending local church services and Beryl and I have been taken on day trips out – with carers, of course – and we both enjoy the music entertainment the home regularly puts on. It's great."

When asked what is the secret to a long marriage, Reg replied: "To love one another, be contented, work together and the sharing of lovely holidays. We travelled the world together, going on cruises and so on."

Beryl said: "We've barely been apart from each other in 70 years. We've been living together at Tŷ Llandaff and it was the best thing for us. It is a marvellous place with plenty of space, excellent food and exceptional levels of care."

Tŷ Llandaff care home manager Janice Evans said: "Reg and Beryl are so lovely, together and we absolutely love having them here."

For more information about Tŷ Llandaff, call Janice on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaffcare.com.

CHOIR'S EMOTIVE VISIT TO BELGIAN TWIN TOWN

BARRY Male Voice Choir's most recent visit to Europe was at the invitation of the town of Mouscron, Belgium, which is twinned with Barry.

The choir was honoured to provide a stirring start to celebrating the Belgian National Day (*Nationale feestdag van België; Fête nationale belge; Belgischer Nationalfeiertag*).

The varied programme was enjoyed in bright sunshine by a large appreciative audience. Everyone agreed that the bonds of friendship between Mouscron and the Vale had been further strengthened.

The strains of 'Tydi a Roddaist' and 'Hen Willad fy Nhadau' rose beneath a blue sky in peaceful fields of green, so very different to the mud and sludge into which horses, men and humanity disappeared 100 years ago.

The magnificent Menin Gate was the final formal engagement.

Thousands of spectators shared the moving commemoration service at which *Last Post* rang out and the Barry Male Voice Choir sang 'Bring Him Home' from *Les Misérables*.

An impromptu concert following the service was enjoyed by a crowd of several hundred people. Many followed

the choir to the Old Bill hostelry, where a harmonious afterglow continued to well past midnight – a chance for everyone, especially the talented musical team of Dorothy Connell and Emma Arscott to relax.

Louise and Martyn Todd, commenting on the choir's visit to Ypres, said: "Our aim was to pay a choral tribute to honour the fallen on distant battlefields and to do them proud in music and verse."

"One hundred years on, thousands upon thousands of lives lost and many stories still left untold. We were humbled by the enormity of their sacrifice."

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Dinas Powys Rotary Club's new president aims for 'fellowship and fun'



PICTURED (left to right): Colin Jones, Martyn Williams, Simon Watts (president), Kevin Fowler (outgoing president) and Tim Hubbard.

THE Rotary Club of Dinas Powys recently held its formal handover dinner meeting at the Seashore Grill, Sully, when Simon Watts was welcomed as the incoming president for 2017-2018.

This year marks some important anniversaries. Dinas Powys celebrates its 30th year since inauguration and Rotary in Wales marks its centenary.

The new president had a long career with Barclays Bank, latterly supporting small businesses in south Wales. In addition to Rotary, he is a keen fisherman and beekeeper.

He introduced his council members: Howard Gaylard (treasurer) and Martin Williams (secretary)

and thanked past president Kevin for all his good work over the previous year.

The RNLI and 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group were identified as Mr Watts' nominated charities for the year ahead. His priorities for the year are to build on the fundraising successes of 2016-2017, and to make a difference in the local community.

He also wishes to generate new membership and underpin membership with a spirit of fellowship and fun, which he believes is crucial both to long term sustainability and fundraising success.

Mr Watts also spoke of his plans for a satellite club to encourage new members to join and become involved with fundraising and social events.

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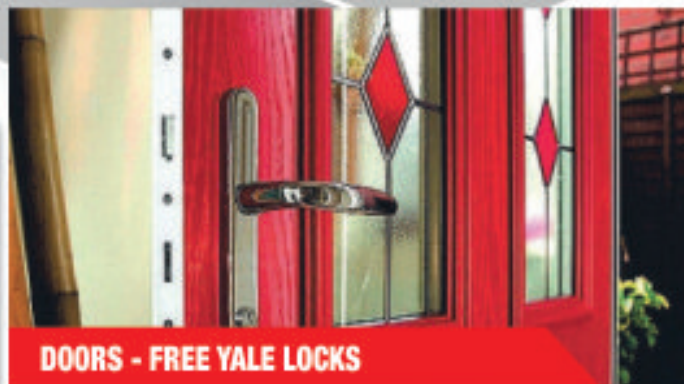
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RAF Red Arrows deliver a scintillating spectacle over Barry Island 'amphitheatre'

THE Red Arrows have flown 4,800 displays in 57 countries and on Sunday, August 6, thrilled crowds on Barry Island and those on vantage points in the town.

As visit organiser John Buxton pointed out, Whitmore Bay provides a natural 'amphitheatre' for the aerial spectacle. Local photographers MIKE WILCOCK and JODIE REDBOURN captured the precision flying and some of the appreciative spectators. (Photos by Mike are marked 'MW' and those by Jodie are marked 'JR')

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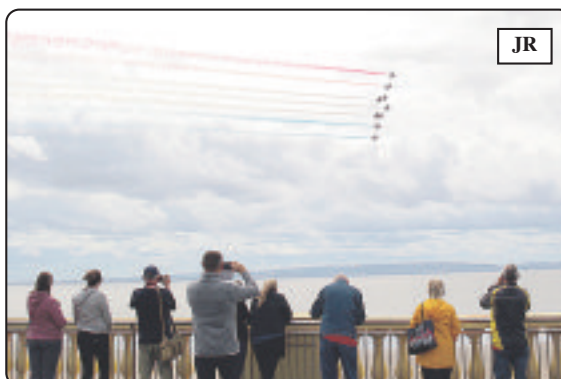


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Left to right: Senior Aircraftwoman Hannah Smoker, Flight Display Director Barry Neal, Cambrian Transport MD John Buxton, Squadron Leader Mike Ling



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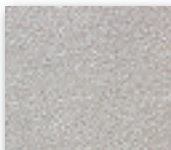
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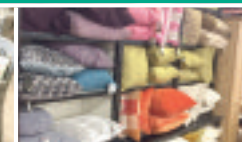
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Made in Dagenham at home in Barry!

WE would like to congratulate the Billboard Ensemble on their recent success, *Made in Dagenham – The Musical*, performed at the Memo Arts Centre.

From the moment the curtains went up, we were transported back to the '60s by the incredible set, costumes and beehives.

The cast and crew put on a fantastic show, and the audience were really drawn into the story of

the 'Essex girls who changed the world'.

It was definitely one of Billboard Ensemble's finest productions.

We would like to thank people for their continuing support of local amateur dramatic groups, as they bring quality entertainment to Barry and the Vale. **Margaret Wilkinson and Julie Aviet, Vale Barry Town Councillors, Michaela Richardson and Helen Payne, Barry Town Councillors, Barry.**

Nothing amateur about Made in Dagenham

ID like to congratulate all the cast, musicians and backstage members of Billboard Ensemble on their sublime production of *Made in Dagenham*, which showed at Barry Memorial Hall between July 25-28.

The show was brilliantly brought to life by all, and sitting there you would think you were watching a professional production, rather than an amateur show.

Everyone involved should be extremely proud of producing a show that was uplifting and emotionally-engaging throughout, and the standing ovation at the performance I attended was richly deserved.

Congratulations again.

Gareth Jamieson,

Sports and entertainment correspondent, The Glamorgan GEM.

Penarth churches also nominated in 'Sacred Wales' competition

IN The GEM last week, there was an article about St Illtud's Church at Llantwit Major being nominated in the National Churches Trust 'Sacred Wales' competition to find the most popular sacred site or building in Wales.

Readers of The GEM may be interested to know that two churches

in Penarth have also been nominated. They are St Augustine's Church – Penarth's only Grade 1 listed building – and Trinity Methodist Church.

To see all 50 nominated sites and to vote for your favourite, go to www.sacredwales.org.uk.

Voting is open until August 31.

Linda Guilfoyle, Vale of Glamorgan.

'Uneaten food a treat for us gulls!'

ON Sunday, July 23 at Castleland Street, Barry, from 6am to 6.30am whoopee – what a party!

The food was provided, courtesy of three bags of recycling. A great time was had by all, and what fun we had ripping open those bags.

Being teetotal, we didn't bother with the beer cans and having no manners, we didn't use the paper party plates, either.

We left those and a load of unwanted items to decorate the street.

Having dined, we left the venue at 6.30am.

A gentleman left his bed and armed with a brush, rubber gloves and bin bag, picked up a

great deal of the mess we so enjoyed making around his car, the pavement, and around an elderly neighbour's home.

Our host watched him with beady eyes, ready to swoop in case any uneaten food was still available.

We seagulls had such a great time, we can't wait for another party at the same venue.

However, there are a number of miserable party poopers who reside at this venue, who use the bags and bins provided by your council for the purpose of waste food.

How dare you spoil our fun... Thanks for the great party, though.

The Gulls, Barry.

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk

• Letters and e-mails MUST include your FULL ADDRESS and a contact telephone number.

B Last year, we had a 4.8 per cent increase and this year a 4.5 per cent, increase which clearly shows they are the same? I did not vote in favour of a merger with Cardiff because I know this would be a backward step.

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail.



Support from Ally's allies

WE, the undersigned (and in the photograph above, taken doing voluntary work) are friends of Aladar (Ally) Gerevich, who wrote to your newspaper a couple of weeks ago.

We are writing in support of him because of the unpleasant, pompous, and patronising response his letter received from Niclas Ap Glyn recently.

The latter dismissed Ally's disquiet of a nationalistic sentiment by Jane Hutt AM, and despite his apparent knowledge, is clearly ignorant of the power of words, of language and the effect they have.

Your correspondent is very fortunate to have no comprehension or experience of the ethnic and religious hatred that has taken place, emboldened by words and language, on the Continent, in Rwanda, and any number of other countries.

It does not – and I have experience of working in some of these places – begin with a fist, a gun or a machete; it begins with words to separate one group from another. It is "hate speech".

Charities and politicians here in Wales harp on about being 'Welsh for Welsh people' or 'Wales for Welsh people' and no amount of sidestepping by Mr Glyn can avoid it. It is in your paper most weeks.

Mr Glyn should read any one of a number of scholarly articles on the use of language to separate different nationalities to create and foster nationalism.

I recommend beginning with *Language as an instrument of nationalism in Central Europe* by Tomas D E Kamusella.

He should also reflect on the words of Eric Blair [George Orwell] that: "...nationalism is power-hunger tempered by self-deception".

That definition fits, sadly, a number of my fellow Welshmen.

Helen Chutless (centre, above), Petar Gorsa, Brian O'Leary, Latif Mir, Colm Hughes, Dragan Tarlac, Huw Evans, Depan Sakwati, Ivenusz Palinski, Ally Gerevich, Jock Knox, Edward Barrett, Viktors Scerbathis, Paul Fox and Morgan Redding, Bridgend.

Timing of consultation period 'not in public's favour'

IAM writing regarding the second round of consultations for the Barry Incinerator.

NRW have now released copies of their response to the last round of consultations for public response. The document is very large and made up of loose papers – not very professional.

Written for public consultation i.e. easy to read, easy reference system, plain English, presented in a manner that would encourage anyone interested in reading it to do so? No.

They haven't exactly gone out of their way to put everyone's minds at rest, or to say how good the incinerator (or whatever they wish to call it) is going to be for

Barry and the Vale.

The timing was for August; time allowed to respond – 28 days. Length of report – you would probably struggle to read it in a day. To digest it and then formulate a response – a couple of days at least.

If people were hoping that Barry Town Council will once again commission a non-biased report to be produced by Capita, have you wondered how many at Capita will be on holiday? Have you wondered how many of the town councillors will be on holiday?

Have you wondered if the officer to procure the said report is on holiday? Have you wondered how many of DIAG

will be on holiday?

I wonder how many of the public will on holiday during the consultation period?

I bet Biomass have.

So because of the timing, I wrote to our First Minister, Carwyn Jones AM, asking him to look into the timing of the consultation period and use his influence to ensure we are granted an extension in the consultation period. I also asked to him to ensure an announcement was given quickly on this.

His response? Automatic email; I can expect to wait up to 17 days for a response.

Dave Weston, Vale of Glamorgan.

Use money 'wasted' on cycle paths to maintain the roads

IN reply to Alan Peasey's letter in The GEM last week, regarding cycle path usage, cycle paths are there for cyclists to use.

They have been campaigned for by the cyclist, but paid for from the public purse.

There is no charge for using them, yet the "look at me, I'm saving the planet" brigade, refuse to use them because they are not kept clean.

He even suggests that the roads are "safer routes." Has he actually looked at the state of our

roads lately? Furthermore, the writer also suggests that others should buy brushes and keep these paths clean. I would say that he should get off his high saddle and tackle this perceived problem himself.

I think the time has come to stop pandering to this minority group and put the money wasted on cycle routes that no one uses, to better use and make our roads better for everyone!

I'm sure cyclists would agree, as they seem to prefer riding on them.

Keith Jenkins, Barry.

An appeal on behalf of carers

DO GEM readers know that there are 6.8 million carers in the UK and every day another 6,000 people take on a caring responsibility?

Unpaid carers face huge challenges in providing care for disabled or older loved ones.

For instance, according to our own research, a third of carers have never had any significant time off since they started caring. Would your readers like to do something about that?

I work for a fantastic charity called Revitalise. We provide much-needed respite holidays for disabled people and carers at three accessible UK centres, and we're appealing to the nation on BBC Radio 4 to ask for more support for the nation's unsung army of carers.

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To find out more about our appeal, visit our website: www.revitalise.org.uk. **Colin Brook, Revitalise.**

presented by our good friend, the writer and comedian Arthur Smith, who is a vice-president of Revitalise.

Arthur talks about his own experience as a carer for his mother Hazel, then goes on to tell the story of Mavis and Colin, who recently benefited from a respite break with Revitalise, which helped sustain their relationship.

Mavis and Colin have been married for 56 years. When Mavis developed MS in her 20s, Colin gave up work to care for her, but was himself diagnosed with dementia in 2002 and Mavis is now his carer.

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What price the 'circular economy'?

WHAT do the EU, UK Government, Welsh Government, local authorities and global business (including Aviva) have in common?

They are all signed up in various statements of intent to become carbon neutral and introduce a circular economy.

On July 5, the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, spoke of her ambition for the Welsh public sector to be carbon neutral by 2030.

This statement is worth reading; it says that the public sector has identified ways of reducing emissions by 27 per cent, leading the way in UK recycling, reducing costs by 5 per cent and that – "Wales is in the forefront of global action on climate change" and "introducing ground-breaking legislation of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act".

The Welsh Government commissioned a report in 2013 from the Ellen MacArthur Foundation into the benefits of a circular economy for Wales.

The report stated that put fully in place, there could be material cost savings of up to £2 billion per annum and

through extra economic activity, the creation of 30,000 jobs.

The latest investment in 2017 is £6.5 million and rising to £70 million over the next few years.

Reading the statement, it might be construed that for all the rhetoric, our Government is outsourcing its waste, and its responsibility, to the private sector – by allowing incineration at various sites in Wales, including Barry – thereby not including the wider society in their high-flown aims of carbon neutrality, better air, job creation and a healthier future.

But Government will tick environmental boxes at the expense of us all.

The latest statement from NRW says only clean wood will be incinerated, but after many submissions, Biomass 2 admit in their latest version that mixed and contaminated wood will be burned if a licence is granted.

Given the scant regard for the future generations of Wales shown by our leaders, it is no shock that a polluting incinerator has been sited just a few metres from the centre of Barry.

Leon Robertson, Vale of Glamorgan.

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No Coastal Communities funding for the Vale

NO organisations or projects in the Vale of Glamorgan received money in the latest round of the Coastal Communities Fund, it has emerged.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies visited Barry Community Water Activity Centre last week, where he met with Philip Walters and chairman Chris Basten.

They raised concerns that they had not had an opportunity to secure funding from the scheme and Mr Davies submitted two written questions to cabinet secretary for communities and children, Carl Sargeant.

Mr Davies asked when the next round of funding would become available, and how organisations

could apply. He also asked how many groups in the Vale had benefitted from the scheme.

The funding was introduced by the Welsh and UK Governments, but is administered by the Welsh Government and the Big Lottery Fund, which this week announced £4 million worth of grants for coastal communities across Wales.

None of these was in the Vale.

Mr Davies said: "It was great to visit Barry Community Water Activity Centre when concerns were raised regarding Coastal Communities Funding. I put some questions to the cabinet secretary, but I'm still waiting on a response, I was disappointed to hear the announcement that no organisations from the Vale were included."

'Clean bill of health' for council

THE Vale Council has received further positive feedback from the Wales Audit Office (WAO) in its Annual Improvement Report on the authority for 2016/17.

The report brings together the conclusions of several inspections carried out during the year and gives the council a clean bill of health across a number of aspects of its performance.

The most recent report, which assessed how the council manages major service changes, concluded

that the council "has a clear corporate framework for determining and delivering service changes and effective arrangements to support delivery."

It praised the council's Reshaping Services programme, which it said enabled changes to be managed effectively, and pointed to effective working between cabinet and senior managers, recognising the range of staff engagement and training that is carried out.

The Annual Improvement Report also gives an update on the WAO's Corporate Assessment report, released in August 2016,

which evaluated the authority's capacity to deliver continuous improvement. That report concluded the Vale Council had "a clear vision of what it wants to achieve and is making positive changes which should ensure it is well placed to continue securing improvement".

Areas that were complimented included the clear vision of the council; effective leadership supporting the change agenda; and improving performance management arrangements. AS

Properties of the Week

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PROPERTY MARKET 'BOUNCING BACK SINCE GENERAL ELECTION'

ACTIVITY in the property market across the UK is rising steadily after a brief slowdown was reported in the run-up to the general election.

New figures from NAEA Propertymark show estate agents are busier, with the average number of sales agreed per branch up from 10 in May to 11 in June. There was also a 10 per cent surge in the number of house hunters registered with each branch, up to 384 in June.

The proportion of sales made to first-time buyers also increased, reaching 30 per cent in June. This is the highest it has been in any month since January and an indicator of the growing opportunities available to first-time buyers in the current market.

Kevin Shaw, national sales director at property specialist Leaders, said: "The statistics and our own evidence suggest the market has bounced back since the general election and is now on a firm upward trajectory."

"It is common for major political events – such as an election – to cause a downturn in activity as sellers and buyers wait for the outcome. But with any uncertainty now in the past, more people are on the lookout for their next home and more sales are being agreed and completed."

"Of course, a busy June is no surprise as the summer months are exceptionally popular with home movers, but the fact the number of registered buyers was 16 per cent higher this June than in June 2016 underlines the fundamental strength of the market right now."

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Penarth visitors hear of charity's dementia-friendly plans for hospice

A GROUP of people living with dementia have visited a Penarth hospice to find out about a terminal illness charity's services – and to give staff tips on making it a dementia-friendly community.

The Service User Review Panel from Gwent and their carers, who are supported by the Alzheimer's Society, headed to the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice recently and following a tour of the hospice, there was a meet and greet for the visitors and a Q and A session, where the visitors answered questions from hospice staff about supporting people with dementia.

Monica Reardon, who leads the Including Diverse Communities in End of Life Care project, is aiming to ensure the hospice secures Dementia Friendly status, and invited the group along to help put a plan of action together to achieve this.

The group fed back that white walls were too clinical, and colour on



Alzheimer's Society Panel members met the diversity project team and nurse inpatient manager Ceri Davies at the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale hospice in Penarth.

some walls would help give the hospice a more homely feel. They loved the décor in the hospice's day therapy unit, and said the vibrant colours were stimulating.

Discussions were also held around crockery for people living with dementia at meal times, signs around the hospice being visual as well as literal and flooring being less patterned in bathrooms.

During the Q and A session, discussions were held around what would make someone living with dementia – and their carers – feel the hospice was safe and secure, and how they would want staff to discuss plans for future care.

"It was important to us to work with this group in putting together our dementia friendly plan," said Monica. Linda Willis, a terminal condition and

Alzheimer's Society the need for compassionate, person-centred care and advanced care planning to best support people affected by dementia who are at the latter stages of the condition.

Sue Phelps, director of Alzheimer's Society Cymru added: "Our partnership with Marie Curie reflects the importance we place on recognising dementia as

the need for compassionate, person-centred care and advanced care planning to best support people affected by dementia who are at the latter stages of the condition. "We would also encourage staff to receive dementia-specific training to develop their understanding in order to effectively adapt care plans."



NFU lunch is a fine curtain-raiser for the rural Vale's stunning annual showcase



ABOVE: The team of ladies who prepared the lunch.

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK

THE Glamorgan NFU charity lunch is now well and truly established as the curtain-raiser for the Vale of Glamorgan Show, which took place on Wednesday, August 9.

Guests at the lunch, which was on the preceding Sunday (August 6), were eagerly anticipating the show, which this year was offering an even bigger range of entertainment, traders, produce and competition in livestock and horticultural classes.

For the NFU, it was also a chance to present cheques to the chosen charities supported by the charity lunch this year.

Committee member Ed Rees, pictured below (on left) made a presentation of a cheque for £1,000 to each of four charities.

These were:

- The Kidney Wales Foundation.
- 2 Wish Upon a Star.
- The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI).
- St David's Hospice Care, Newport.



ABOVE LEFT: Linda Jones of RABI received a cheque.

ABOVE: Graham Jones of St David's Hospice.

LEFT: Joanne Calcaterra from 2 Wish Upon a Star.

RIGHT: Sian Price from the Kidney Wales Foundation.



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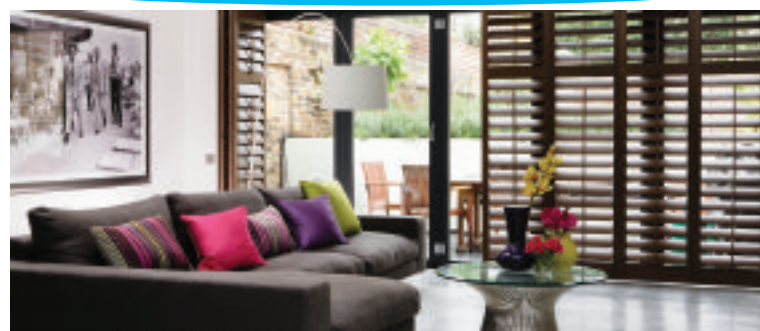
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As the crowds poured into Fonmon yesterday, for the "most popular one-day Show in Wales" they were joined by photographer ANDY WICKS, who took these early snapshots as the excitement began to build. See more pictures by our GEM photographers in next week's issue, along with full results.



'FANTASTIC' SPORTS DAY AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE



Jake Frost (standing) in the shot put.



ABOVE:
The start of the year-7 100 metres race.



Mason Gunter, year-8, in the long jump.

BARRY Comprehensive School's sports day was recently held at Jenner Park.

Pupils from all year groups competed in track and field events throughout the day, demonstrating skill, ability, determination and resilience to fight it out for the points needed to be crowned house champions 2017!

This year saw a new initiative, where all pupils in every year group had to complete a 100m sprint, which ensured that everyone contributed to their house total.

Also, all other track events were 'open' and many pupils took the opportunity to compete in a number of disciplines.

The event was watched by a good sized crowd who witnessed some fantastic performances throughout the day, whilst staff officiated to make sure it ran smoothly.

Well done to everyone involved, and a massive thank you from the PE Department for making it such a successful school community day.

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New project aims to make pupils more 'disability aware'



Pupils taking the course at Jenner Park.

Primary schoolchildren across the Vale have learnt how to involve everyone in day to day activities, in a project organised by Disability Sport Wales.

The aim of the course was to learn more about what disabled children, young people and adults can do, as well as how children can include their friends in all PE and physical activities.

The project was launched in January and pupils from St Helens RC Primary School, Gwenfo Primary, Jenner Park Primary, Oakfield Primary, Palmerston Primary and St Athan all took part.

Now, local Scout groups have also shown interest in taking part. Members at the 11th Barry Sea Scouts were the first group to complete the training outside school.

The 2nd and 4th Barry Beavers and 1st Penmark Cubs also completed the course and achieved their disability awareness badges.

The 1st Penmark Cubs will put their training to good use with an inclusive archery session later in the year.

Simon Jones, the Disability Sport Wales development officer, said: "I spoke with Disability Sport Wales about talking to school pupils about disability inclusion training and the idea piloted in Cardiff.

"The message of the course is to show its okay to ask someone questions on what is the best way to get them involved if you're not sure.

"The feedback we've had has been brilliant, and it's great to see so many proactive schools in the Vale who want to make sure everyone has the chance to take part in sport and physical activity."



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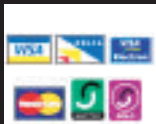
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Glamorgan Pony Club off to championships

ON Sunday, July 23, Glamorgan Pony Club hosted the Area 10 (south Wales and borders) Show Jumping Qualifier at Alps Park Equestrian Centre in Wenvoe.

With a huge amount of organisation and planning, we managed everything except for the weather, which proved to be rather wet and made the competitions a bit more tricky, a correspondent reports.

With 36 teams and in excess of 130 riders, it was a long day. The competition started at 9am with the Open, which was won by Monmouth Pony Club. It was followed by the Intermediate class, where the going was quite slippery, with no teams qualifying – but two members, Evie Vaughan-Jones and Nonnie Medlicott, came out with first and second, qualifying for the championships.

Two other riders from Pentrych Pony Club were placed fifth and sixth, Abbey Parfitt and Emily Hunt.

Next came the Novice competition, with 14 teams vying for the two qualifying places. Two teams from the club entered – Glamorgan Red: Alice Pembridge, Clare Brown, Emilia Johns-Powell and Abbie Griffiths who were the first team to go, followed by Glamorgan Green: Josie Dix, Bethany Jarvis, Esme Freeman and Kate Brown. Alex Fenner also competed as



The Glamorgan Pony Club hosted the event at Wenvoe.

an individual.

After two difficult rounds, two teams were neck and neck – Golden Valley and Glamorgan Green. Both teams qualified for the championships, with Golden Valley just coming out on top on time.

Glamorgan Red came fourth as a team, with Alice Pembridge fifth as an individual. Local rider Charlotte Tudor came second and Pony Club Dinas Powys team were sixth.

The championships will be held at Chomondley Castle, Cheshire on August 18-22. The club has an eventing team competing, plus individuals in dressage and intermediate

eventing.

Finally, the Grassroots competition was aimed at younger riders for them to gain some experience of competing at a higher level, so they can qualify for the regional championships in Cirencester. This class was the biggest of the day, with 17 teams involved.

Glamorgan entered Team Orange: Hugo Morgan, Owen John, George Edgell and Rhys Ford and Team Purple of Elin James, Megan Francis, Cerys Richards and Alice Freeman. Neither team was placed, but all our riders did us proud, being some of the youngest riders there. Owen John came third as an individual, George Edgell was fifth and

Megan Francis seventh.

All three will represent the club at the regional championships in August. Local rider Megan Tarney of Dinas Powys also qualified. The club wishes to thank Nick Coles and Richard Conway for hosting the event at Alps Park and for their great support.

The club would also like to thank Millers Contractors, Cooke & Arkwright, Tyla Farm DIY, Layton Edwards, Cottrell Park Golf Resort, Freeman Eye Care, Arthur John & Co, C P Motor Services, Llantwit Self Storage, The Place for Homes, Vale Pet Sitters, B & W Equine Group, NFU Mutual, Vale Solicitors, Premier Forest Group.

Anglers sought for Llantwit Major charity competition

THE second Llantwit Major Charity Fishing Competition takes place on Sunday, August 20, to raise funds for Ty Hafan and Benjamin Morgan-Brownhill from Rhoose, who suffers from a rare kidney disorder.

The competitions held over the past six years have raised more than £9,000 for a bio-feedback machine for children with bladder disorders, Cystic Fibrosis (Imperial College, London), Marie Curie, The Stroke Association, Diabetes UK, Mental Health Awareness, Wales Air

Ambulance and Jade's Wish to Walk.

These funds could not have been raised without the continued support from sponsors, donations from local businesses and the participating anglers.

For this year's competition, the organisers wish to thank Bobby Jones of Q-Cars, Treforest, for donating the first prize of £250; Marie Hughes of Llantwit Major Beach Cafe for donating the second prize of £150 and supporting the competition each year; Dai and Claire Loder for the third prize of £75 and Chris Davies Estate and Letting Agents for donating £50.

There will also be three other

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Belle Vue bowls team slip up

PENARTH Belle Vue Bowling Club played Cadoxton Bowling Club in the Cardiff and District League on July 29, when Belle Vue came unstuck, going down to Cadoxton 86-56; 12 points to 2 points.

Rink one went down 12-19; the lead was Dave Bradley, No. 2 Richard Brant, No. 3 Paul Paterson and the skip who tried all he knew to stay in touch, but to no avail.

Rink two had only three players and they came to grief, losing 25-8. Lead was Gerry Field, No. 3 was Barrie Bagwell and the skip was Dave Purser.

Rink three went down 21-14 up against another very good rink. Lead was Colin Scammell and

No.2 was Graham Duggen, No. 3 was John Allen and the skip was Les Aubrey.

Rink four was the only rink to win in a thrilling game. All the way through, Belle Vue were four down with one end to go but the skip performed to his very best to give five shots, winning by one shot, 22-21.

The lead was Frank Keen, No. 2 was Len Fowler, No.3 was Dave Miller, and the skip was captain Malcolm Thomas, who was outstanding.

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15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI Sport 5dr, Bluetooth, DAB, 19k, white£12495

15 15 AUDI A1 1.6 TDI SE 3dr, Audi warranty July 2018, DAB, 19k, black£11495

14 14 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI S-Line 3dr (150bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, black, half leather£13495

16 16 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Sport 5dr Nav 5dr S-Tronic automatic, Audi warranty March 2019, sat nav, privacy, cruise, 14k, choice£15995

16 66 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 3dr S-Tronic automatic (184bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, dab, 18" alloys, 5k, met grey, half-leather£22995

16 66 AUDI A3 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 5dr, Audi warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, cruise, 8k, black, half leather£22995

14 14 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI 177 Technik 4dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, choice, full leather£11995

15 15 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI SE Technik Estate Multitronic, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, utopia blue, full leather£16495

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17 66 AUDI A4 2.0 TDI Quattro S-Line 4dr Multitronic automatic (190bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, pdc, 6k, met grey, half-leather£25995

16 66 AUDI A4 ALLROAD 3.0 TDI V6 Quattro Estate automatic, pan roof, sat nav, head-up display, cruise, reverse camera, 4k, silver with full leather£35995

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16 66 AUDI TTS 2.0 TFSI 310 Quattro Coupe automatic, Audi warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, 19" alloys, 7k, yellow, full leather£31995

15 15 BMW 116 D ED Plus 5dr, BMW warranty July 2018, sat nav, privacy, 21k, choice£12995

15 65 BMW 116 D M Sport 5dr, BMW warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, sat nav, Bluetooth, 23k, silver£14995

13 63 BMW 118 D Sport Plus 2dr convertible, 18" alloys, heated seats, black, full oyster leather£13995

15 65 BMW M135 3.0 M Sport 5dr automatic, widescreen navigation, 16k, white, full leather£22995

16 66 BMW 218i Sport 2dr (136bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, 4k, met grey£18995

12 12 BMW 320 D Sport 4dr, heated seats, cruise, silver, full leather£11495

13 13 BMW 320 D Efficientdynamics 4dr automatic, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" m sport alloys, grey, full leather£11995

13 63 BMW 330 D BluePerformance M Sport 4dr automatic (258bhp), widescreen sat nav, Bluetooth, 19" alloys, 29k, estoril blue, full leather£17995

15 64 BMW 330 D XDRIVE M Sport Gran Turismo 5dr automatic, BMW warranty March 2018, 19" alloys, sat nav, DAB, grey, full leather£21995

16 16 BMW 330 E Sport 4dr automatic Start/Stop, sat nav, cruise, pdc, 8k, choice£21995

15 15 BMW 418 D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr automatic, BMW warranty July 2018, M Sport+ pack, sat nav, 19" alloys, reverse camera, 7k, black, full leather£23995

15 15 BMW 420 i Sport 2dr coupe (184bhp), BMW warranty May 2018, service pack, sat nav, xenons, white, full leather£17995

14 14 BMW 420 DM Sport 5dr automatic, 19" alloys, reverse camera, sat nav, 28k, estoril blue with full black leather£20995

15 65 BMW 420 DXDRIVE D M Sport Gran Coupe 5dr, BMW warranty Oct 2018, pro sat nav, 19" alloys, Bluetooth, choice, full leather£22995

14 64 BMW 430 D M Sport 2dr coupe automatic (258bhp), BMW warranty Oct 2017, sat nav, 19" alloys, 17k, estoril blue, full leather£22995

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14 64 BMW 520 DSE 4dr (184bhp), sat nav, Bluetooth, cruise, DAB, 39k, black, full leather£15995

15 15 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), BMW warranty April 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18" alloys, choice, full beige leather£19995

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15 15 FIAT 500 1.2 S 3dr Start/Stop, Bluetooth, pdc, 14k, half-leather, choice£6995

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15 65 FORD FIESTA 1.5 TDCI Titanium 3dr, Ford warranty Nov 2018, Bluetooth, cruise, USB, black£7495

14 14 FORD FIESTA 1.6 TDCI ecoNETIC Zetec 3dr, Bluetooth, USB, alloys, choice£5795

14 14 FORD FOCUS 1.0 T EcoBoost Zetec 5dr, appearance pack, 17" alloys, Bluetooth, silver£7995

16 16 FORD FOCUS 1.0 ecoBOOST Titanium 5dr, Ford warranty April 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, 8k, blue£12995

14 64 FORD GALAXY 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr Powershift (7-seater) Ford warranty Nov 2017, Bluetooth, DAB, cruise, 21k, blue£15995

14 14 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, 24k, black, half leather£12995

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15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr, appearance pack, Ford warranty March 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 19k, choice, half leather£13495

14 63 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Business 5dr, sat nav, cruise, full leather£9995

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15 15 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 CRD Limited 4WD 5dr automatic, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, heated + ventilated seats, 18" alloys, choice, full leather£18995

15 15 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 Multijet Trailhawk 5dr automatic 4WD, sat nav, cruise, pdc, heated seats, 12k, white with full leather£17995

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14 14 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-3 AWD 5dr, Kia warranty Feb 2021, pan roof, sat nav, heated seats, choice, full leather...£12495

14 63 LEXUS IS250 Luxury 4dr automatic (204bhp), sat nav, reverse camera, 18"alloys, 30k, white, Half leather...£14995

14 14 MAZDA 6 2.2 TD Skyactive SE-L 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, 27k, met red...£10995

14 14 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SkyActive SE 4dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 33k, met red...£10495

14 14 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 D Sport Nav 5dr automatic 4wd, Bose, reverse camera, white, full leather...£14995

14 14 MAZDA CX-5 2.2 DSE-L Lux Nav 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, met blue...£12495

15 15 MERCEDES A200 CDI Sport 5dr, Mercedes warranty June 2018, reverse camera, cruise, 12k, blue, half leather...£15995

16 16 MERCEDES C220d SE Executive Edition 4dr, Mercedes warranty April 2019, sat nav, heated seats, cruise, 17k, silver, full leather...£18495

14 64 MERCEDES C300 CDI BlueTECH Hybrid Sport 4dr 7G Tronic plus (Premium Package), Mercedes warranty Dec 2017, panoramic roof, reverse camera, Bluetooth, xenons, heated seats, silver, full leather...£19995

15 65 MERCEDES CLA220 CDI Sport Estate 7G-DCT automatic, Mercedes warranty Nov 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 26k, white, half leather...£21995

14 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 3dr, chilli + TLC pack, Bluetooth, cruise, 17"black alloys, white with black roof and mirror caps...£10495

14 64 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 3dr Start/Stop, pepper + TLC pack, Bluetooth, in orange with black roof and mirror caps...£8995

15 65 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr automatic, chilli + TLC + media XL pack, sat nav, Bluetooth, 16k, met blue with half-leather...£13495

14 14 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 2dr convertible 143BHP, chilli + TLC pack, cruise, PDC, met blue, half-leather...£10995

16 16 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 5dr (170bhp), chilli pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, DAB, 9k, choice...£14995

14 14 MINI ONE 1.6 D 3dr (TLC + Pepper Pack) 17"alloys, Bluetooth, choice...£7995

14 14 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 D Cooper 3dr, media + TLC pack, air-con, sat nav, Bluetooth, white...£9995

13 13 MINI ROADSTER 2.0 Cooper SD 2dr, chilli + JCW sports pack, heated seats, bi-xenons, 27k, red with full leather...£9795

14 14 MITSUBISHI ASX 2.2 DI-D 4 4X4 5dr automatic, panoramic roof, sat nav, reverse camera, white, full leather...£12995

15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.2 DIG-T Acenta Premium 5dr, sat nav, cruise, 11k, red...£10995

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16 16 NISSAN JUKE 1.5 DCI Visia 5dr, Nissan warranty April 2019, aircon, alloys, 18k, choice...£9995

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Tekna 5dr (7-seater) Nissan warranty July 2019, pan roof, sat nav, 19"alloys, Bluetooth, 4k, met green, full leather...£19995

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14 64 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 E-HDI Allure 5dr, Peugeot warranty Sep 2017, Bluetooth, cruise, USB, 14k, white...£7995

15 15 PEUGEOT 2008 1.6 E-HDI Allure 5dr, Peugeot warranty March 2018, Bluetooth, DAB, 14k, choice, half leather...£9995

11 61 RANGE ROVER EVOQUE 2.2 SD4 Pure 4x4 5dr (190bhp), Bluetooth, DAB, 41k, silver, full leather...£18995

14 64 RANGEROVER SPORT 3.0 SDV6 HSE 4WD 5dr automatic, Landrover warranty Nov 2017, 20"alloys, sat nav, DAB, Bluetooth, 36, silver, full leather...£43995

16 65 RANGEROVER SPORT 5.0 S/C V8 SVR 5dr automatic (550bhp), Landrover warranty March 2019, Carbon fibre pack, pan roof, elec side steps, 22"alloys, 8k, black, full leather...£87995

15 15 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty May 2018, sat nav, cruise, 17"alloys, 20k, choice...£8995

15 65 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Dynamique S 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, Bluetooth, PDC, 4k, silver/black...£11495

14 14 RENAULT CLIO 0.9 TCE Dynamique MediaNav S 5dr Start/Stop, sat nav, Bluetooth, 22k, met red...£7795

15 65 RENAULT SCENIC Xmod 1.6 DCI Energy Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, PDC, 29k, red...£9995

15 15 RENAULT TWINGO 0.9 TCE 5dr, Renault warranty April 2018, cruise, DAB, alloys, blue...£6995

16 16 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Sport Coupe 3dr, Seat warranty Aug 2019, cruise, Bluetooth, USB, 5k, red...£10995

16 16 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI Vrs 5dr DSG automatic, Skoda warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, DAB cruise, 5k, blue, full leather...£17995

14 14 SKODA YETI 1.6 TDI CR S Greenline II 5dr, Bluetooth, 25k, white, full leather...£10995

14 14 VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2 I VVT 16V Jam 3dr, tech pack, Bluetooth, 17"alloys, cruise, DAB, 16k, choice...£5995

16 65 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 T SRI 5dr (150bhp), Vauxhall warranty Feb 2019, 17"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, white...£10995

15 15 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 Sting 3dr, Vauxhall warranty May 2018, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, red...£5995

14 64 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 I VVT Excite 5dr, Vauxhall warranty Dec 2017, Bluetooth, USB, 29k, silver...£5995

15 15 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4i ecoFLEX Excite 3dr, Vauxhall warranty July 2018, heated seats, Bluetooth, cruise, 11k, choice...£6995

16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.8 VVT SRI 5dr, Vauxhall warranty July 2019, sat nav, 19"alloys, 15k, black...£10995

14 14 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI ecoFLEX Design 5dr, sat nav, cruise, choice...£7995

16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI (170bhp) Ecoflex SRI VX-Line 5dr, Vauxhall warranty May 2019, 19"alloys, sat nav, cruise, DAB, privacy glass, 12k, met grey...£13495

14 14 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI ecoFLEX Tech Line 5dr, sat nav, cruise, PDC, 22k, white...£10495

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI ecoFLEX SE 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2018, heated seats, 18"alloys, 19k, choice, full leather...£10995

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI ecoFLEX Techline 5dr, Vauxhall warranty June 2018, sat nav, cruise, PDC, 10k, choice...£10995

12 62 VW CC 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech GT 4dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, cruise, heated seats, pdc, 40k, full leather...£11495

16 16 VW GOLF SV 1.6 TDI Bluemotion Tech 5dr, VW warranty May 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 11k, blue...£13495

15 15 VW PASSAT 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech GT Estate, VW warranty Aug 2018, sat nav, privacy, 18"alloys, 20k, blue, half leather/alcantara...£16995

16 16 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TSI Bluemotion Tech GT 3dr 180BHP, sat nav, Bluetooth, pdc, 8k, black...£16995

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15 15 NISSAN NAVARA 2.5 DCI Tekna Double Cab Pick-up 4dr, Nissan warranty April 2018, 17"alloys, heated seats, blue, full leather...£14495+vat

15 64 RENAULT KANGOO MAXI 1.5 DCI LL21 90 Phase 2 Panel, Bluetooth, white...£4995+vat

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CITROEN WARRANTY APRIL 2019

16 16 DS 3 1.6 BlueHDI DStyle 3dr, Citroen warranty April 2019, DAB, Bluetooth, 17" alloys, white

£12995



BMW WARRANTY APRIL 2018

15 15 BMW 118 2.0 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, sport plus pack, pdc, Bluetooth, red

£8995



FORD WARRANTY APRIL 2018

15 15 FORD FOCUS 1.0 EcoBoost Zetec 5dr, Bluetooth, 17"alloys, 20k, choice

£15995



14 14 BMW X1 XDrive 2.0 DM Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, pdc, 18"alloys, 28k, black sapphire, full leather

£22995



BMW WARRANTY AUGUST 2018

15 15 BMW 535 DM Sport 4dr automatic (313bhp), 19"alloys, sat nav, Harman kardon, split fold rear seats, heated seats, full leather, choice

£16995



14 14 BMW 320 DXDrive M Sport Estate (184bhp), 19"alloys, sat nav, cruise, 35k, estoril blue with full leather

£19995



BMW WARRANTY MAY 2019

16 16 BMW 320 DM Sport 4dr automatic (190bhp), sat nav, dab, pdc, 11k, silver, full leather

£10995



13 63 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRD 3 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, heated front + rear seats, in orange, full leather

£15995



BMW WARRANTY DEC 2017

14 64 BMW 218 DSE Active Tourer 5dr automatic, sat nav, park assist, heated seats, Bluetooth, 19k, silver, full leather

£18995



14 14 BMW 420 DM Sport 2dr automatic, widescreen sat nav, 19"alloys, Harman kardon, estoril blue, full leather

£16995



AUDI WARRANTY APRIL 2019

16 16 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI Quattro Sport 4dr, Audi warranty April 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, 18"alloys, 13k, choice

£35995



BMW WARRANTY JULY 2019

16 16 BMW 640 DM Sport 4dr automatic, m sport plus pack, 20"alloys, widescreen sat nav, heated seats, 6k, carbon black, full leather

£29995



15 15 BMW X4 XDrive 2.0 DM Sport 5dr auto, sunroof, widescreen sat nav, parking pack, folding mirrors, memory seats, 19"alloys, 19k, alpine white, full ivory white leather

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MINI WARRANTY JUNE 2018

15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, Harman kardon, pdc, dab, Bluetooth, privacy glass, electric blue

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MEMORIAL BOWLING EVENT FOR LEZ ROGERS SMASHES A RECORD

The Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles is now in its 11th year.

It is a tenpin bowling tournament in memory of Lez Rogers, an Airforce sergeant from Barry, who died in Melbourne, Australia, in 2006, before he could compete in the Commonwealth Championships.

He was the top Welsh bowler at the time of his death.

This year, it took place at the Astra Bowl in RAF Brize Norton, Lez's first Airforce posting. A total of 88 bowlers competed, and the first squad was at 6pm on Friday, July 21.

While it was the smallest of all the squads, with just seven teams, it was certainly the noisiest. All bowlers bowl as a doubles team with a handicap based on the entering average, and the team that scores the most on handicap after six games is the winner.

However, it is a tournament with a difference as rock music is played throughout. The majority are songs Lez liked or that his wife Kay and Lez enjoyed in their younger days.

The tournament also raises money for the British Heart Foundation and last year raised in excess of £500.

This year, a special



ABOVE: Andy Preece and Sam Potts (runners up) with Mike Williams and Kay Rogers.

shirt was produced for it with a small donation from each shirt also going to the BHF.

The bowl staff worked tirelessly all weekend and also played the music, and there was a very cosy atmosphere in the bowling centre.

While team numbers were down, the reason for this was due to other tournaments going on both home and abroad but still at 88 teams it was a respectable number.

Whilst the bowling was going on there were raffle tickets sold and two raffles were held over the Saturday and the Sunday.

There were some special prizes donated by Lez's mum, Brenda Rogers. She had made a

basket full of Welsh food and drink and this was won by Judy Moffat (one of the 20 strong teams from the Big Boys Bowlers Club now regularly entering this event).

Brenda had also crocheted a blanket supporting our troops and, ironically, it was won by RAF bowler, Aaron Clark.

Saturday was a busy day and saw some good scores going in with the 'Gruesome Twosome' of Andy Preece and Sam Potts taking the lead.

By the end of the night, the score had been overtaken by the Welsh pairing of Gareth Roberts and Mike Williams.

The Sunday squads were all full and there were still some very good

bowlers to come. However, Gareth and Mike hung onto their lead with 2,716 to take the coveted title.

Second went to Gruesome Twosome with 2,705, closely followed by Pinheads 2 on 2,695, featuring Jason Agate and James Footner.

The total raised for the British Heart Foundation this year was £688.25, totally smashing last year's amount.

A fantastic total and many thanks go to the kind permission of the Station Commander of Brize Norton for agreeing to host the event.

Everyone is already talking about the 2018 event and let us hope we can raise an even higher total.

KR



ABOVE: Kay Rogers and daughter Carriane in the specially-designed bowling shirts.



ABOVE: The Lez Rogers Memorial Doubles winners, Mike Williams and Gareth Roberts.

Keegan signs for Cardiff City Academy



Keegan Saunders, Cardiff City under-9s latest signing.

KEEGAN SAUNDERS recently signed for Cardiff City under-9s academy.

Keegan told THE GEM: "I would like to thank Myles Case and New Broad Street Motors for sponsoring me this season."

"I will try my best and work hard."

Mixed week for Millwood

As the season approaches its climax games came thick and fast and Tuesday evening saw Millwood make the short trip to Romilly Park to play Romilly in the Brian Oliver Memorial Trophy game.

After five ends Millwood held a narrow two-shot lead but over the next five the home team began to hit their stride and, with the honourable exception of the rink led by Brian Crockford, who won comfortably by 22-9, the Millwood rinks were beaten.

The game was played in its usual competitive manner and we look forward to next year's return fixture.

Saturday saw the return to the serious business of league competition and the club side travelled to Treharis/Trelewis for a Division Four match.

With both sides in with a chance of promotion the stakes were high. After five ends the scores were level at 19 pieces but at 10 ends the home side had edged into a 45-31 lead.

After 15 ends Peter Taylor and his rink had edged into the lead, with Keith Davies reducing the deficit on his rink to three. These two skips managed to come out on top at the end of the matches.

Unfortunately, the remaining two skips, Brian

Romilly's prospects improved by victory over Ystrad Mynach

After a poor performance the previous week against Gilfach Bargoed, Romilly's bowls team needed to bounce back with a win against visitors Ystrad Mynach to ease their league position in what's becoming a tight competition.

Ystrad Mynach were welcomed to Romilly Park last Saturday on a fine but breezy afternoon in a similar position to Romilly, requiring a positive result to improve their league position.

Romilly were hit by three late withdrawals but were able to call on Jerry Daly, Des Bannister and Fred Phillips.

The late changes didn't affect 'the Rom' as they got off to a positive start, leading by 13 shots by the end of the fifth with all rinks holding an advantage.

Between the sixth and 10th ends, the visitors reduced their deficit to eight, as Brian Foscolo's rink went behind by four, but Mike Doyle's rink of Kelvyn Mills, Terry Bloomfield and Gwynne Rees offset that by taking an eight-shot lead.

Graham Cogbill's rink was level while Jeff Wright's rink were holding four-shot advantage, leaving the overall score at this juncture 40-32 in the Rom's favour.

At the start of the second half it was imperative for Romilly to dig in and look for an unassailable lead and this was where Doyle's rink really got on top of their opponents, going 17 ahead by the start of the 16th end.

Also, Foscolo's rink of Gary Eastment, Paul Swannick and Alun Bryan fought back from four down to take a one-shot lead and the rink of Jerry Daly, Fred Phillips, Mel Newman and skip Wright were holding a seven-shot advantage.

Cogbill's rink, including father and son Alan and Des Bannister and at third, Clive Collins had gone one down at this stage.

Going into the final six ends the Rom held a 26-shot advantage and were looking comfortable.

The rinks of Doyle and Wright continued to outplay their opponents for 13 and 12 shot wins respectively, while Foscolo's rink were having a great tussle with the score at 19-19 going into the last end where the Romilly rink made one shot to win 20-19.

Unfortunately, Cogbill's rink, although picking counts of three on the last two ends, lost out by four shots 18-22. Still, Romilly collected 12 points, winning overall by 22 shots (88-66).

Next week, the Rom have a difficult game away to table topping Ferndale.

Romilly's A team continue to struggle and are looking odds on to be relegated as they have struggled this season with numbers, but one positive is that their new players, Paul James, Phil Edwards, Stuart Simpson, Eric Fortt plus the return of Kenny Wesgate bodes well for next season.

Once again the Romilly Club are performing well in the Munro Cup with recent wins against Penarth Rectory and Cadoxton taking them to the top of the table, and if maximum points are gained over Penarth Belle Vue in the final game of the season should be sufficient to win the Cup this year. **FP**

Good tournament experience for Barry Chess Club Members

It's all over now. Twelve months to go before the next British Chess Championships.

A total of 103 players took part in the main championship. The Welsh contingent was three, with Lee Davis the sole representative of Barry Chess Club.

Lee was ranked 92nd out of the 103 players. The standard was clearly very high. After four rounds of play Lee was one of three players yet to trouble the scorers.

BARRY CENTRAL FIND VICTORY JUST SLIPS AWAY AGAINST SPLOTT

Windsor Penarth were the visitors to Barry Central on a damp Wednesday evening.

Although the rain eased off, they found the central green to heavy for them but kept in a very tight game to the end, with lead Des Hunt having a game to be proud of, putting the pressure on from the start.

The rink of Rob Pearce was a man short, just losing by a quarter of a shot, Central held on for a fine win.

Scores: Rink 1, J Bergland 12-12, M Hope; rink 2, R Pearce 11.75-12, Murdock; rink 3, T Kaged 14-10 K McLeod; rink 4, T Goddard 10-11 P Gunter. Final score: 47.75-45.

On Saturday in the CML, Central welcomed Splott Phoenix and were hoping for another win but sadly threw it away, holding a four-shot lead after five ends, increasing it to 15, and then leading by 10 with six ends to go, the home team fell away to lose by 5 shots.

Scores: Rink 1, T Goddard 33-6 R Pearce; rink 2, D Goddard 16-22 V Griffin; rink 3 J Bergland 14-23 G Watts; rink 4, A Rogers 8-25 D Wilcox. Final score 71-76. This was a game that Central could and should have won but through inconsistent jack tossing by some leads it was not to be.

TK

In round five, Lee was playing on board 51 and probably was so far away he couldn't see the top board. He broke his duck in this round with a draw and managed a further three draws in the final four rounds.

This gave him a score of two from nine and left him in equal 99th place, only a half point behind his seeding.

Amongst the other tournaments there was a British Weekend under 1825 event. Another Barry player, Sam Jukes, took part. From his five games, Sam managed two wins, two losses and a draw to finish on 2.5 out of 5.

Overall, both Lee and Sam returned home with a reduction in their personal ratings of approximately 30 points but I am sure they enjoyed the experience, even if it proved to be a little tiring.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website, we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>

PHIL JONES, CLUB SECRETARY.

EVAN'S FFOS LAS WINNER

Llancarfan's Evan Ffos Las last Thursday.

A winner of a handicap hurdle at Ffos Las in June, *Catcher On The Go* beat the favourite Waterville Dancer by one-and-a-quarter lengths and was returned at odds of 12-1.

Brian Lee

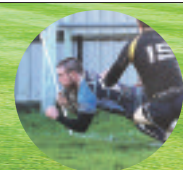
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Tondu Sevens winners celebrate and then step up their training

COWBRIDGE entered the prestigious Tondu RFC Evz 7's competition last Saturday and playing great 7's rugby, came away Community tournament winners.

With a squad brimming with pace and skill, the team won their pool defeating Blue Wolves 6 tries to one and Brackla by 9 tries to nil; but the match with Llantwit Major was full on and ended 2 ties to one. The first try was scored by Harry Thomas, with Hywel Williams securing the winning try.

Into the semi-finals, and Cowbridge played Porthcawl, cementing their place in the final with a fine 3 tries to one win.

The final was again against rivals Llantwit, minus their coach for an incident in the earlier rounds. Cowbridge went on to win this game with a magnificent three tries to one score line. Try scorers were Will Williams, Harry Thomas and Hywel Williams

This was very much a squad effort, so

congratulations to; Jack Anderson, Hywel Williams, Ash Thomas, Ian Overton, Tom James, Will Williams, Craig Boxall, Tom Harrison, Freddie Harries and Harry Thomas.

Coaches Leigh Davies and Dan Williams were delighted with the squad's standard of play and team spirit throughout and with the compliments received from officials about their all-round game and fair play.

On August 19, the squad take on Porthcawl away in a pre-season friendly. These warm-up games are vital to the progression of the squad and to measure improvement and areas that need to be worked on.

Training is increasing as the season draws closer, now taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm on the club field. Coaches Leigh and Dan would be delighted to see new faces to add to the squad; so again, if you are interested, even if that means just trying it to see how it goes, then a great welcome awaits.

RK'RV

Vale trainer Flint is a past master of the photo finish!

VALE trainer John Flint should be dubbed 'Short Head Flint', as whenever a horse of his figures in a photo-finish – and that seems quite often these days – they always seem to come out on top, writes BRIAN LEE.

Last Friday evening at Bath, which is one of his favourite racecourses, his *With Pleasure*, with one of two four-year-olds in the Kingstone Press Wild Berry Chase Handicap Flat race over two miles and one furlong and worth £4,528 to the winner, got home by a head from the joint-favourite *Tyrell* with *Innoko* a further head away in third place.

There were ten runners and *With Pleasure*, partnered by Daniel Muscutt, was returned at odds of 9-1.

Flint, who trains on the flat and over-the-sticks, is a former point-to-point owner and trainer and he started out as a permit holder in 2003. He is assisted by his wife Marlene at their picturesque Cherry Tree Stables in the Bridgend area. Horses such as *Fairalong*, *Sigwells Club Boy* and *Senna Da Silva* kick-started his training career.

I wonder how many of my readers know that many years ago, there used to be a racecourse in Bridgend?

The earliest meeting took place in 1838 and the final meeting on a Wednesday in 1860. The racecourse, which was shaped like a number six, was located two-and-a-half miles from Bridgend at Ogmere Downs.

The soil was very sandy and there were races over six furlongs and up to two miles. After the

inaugural two-day meeting, an Ordinary was served at The Wyndham Arms. We also know that 'On Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7, the Down was studded with shows, Theatre des Arts, roulette tables and refreshment booths, while a grandstand towered above them all.'

An Ordinary for 50 gentlemen was served at the Wyndham Arms at the end of the first day, while the second day began with a Selling Stakes, which went to Mr Potter's *Table Bay* and the Commercial Visitors Plate over a mile-and-a-half was won by Mr Melverley's *Toddy*.

The patrons of the racecourse were Lord Adare and Sir John Nicholls, and the principal races were the Glamorganshire Handicap, Revival Handicap and Hack and Hunters Stakes.

If you would like to know more about this racecourse and some of the other vanished racecourses of Wales, then get hold of a copy of John Slusar's *Racecourses Here Today and Gone Tomorrow Volume 3 Scotland and Wales*.

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...AND STILL THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM

THERE'S no stopping John Flint – on Monday, at Salisbury, his three-year-old *Love And Be Loved*, partnered by 3lb claimer George Wood, landed the Dartmouth General Contractors Ltd Handicap (Division 2) over a mile.

Love And Be Loved, a 9-2 chance, was winning for the second time this season, and on this form, a third win could soon be on the cards.

Wood made it a double when winning the closing Bathwick Tyres Salisbury Handicap over a mile and six furlongs, on the bottom weighted *Ocean Gale*.

BRIAN LEE

COWBRIDGE JUNIOR RIDER WINS NATIONAL SCHOOLS JUMPING COMPETITION



Grace Gardner on Brillview Quelle Surprise at the championships.

A young rider representing a Vale school, was victorious at the Hurstpierpoint College National Schools and Pony Club Jumping Championships at Hickstead on August 3.

Grace Gardner (14) from Cowbridge Comprehensive School came out on top in the Junior Individual competition, in what was a very close jump-off.

Only 0.6sec separated the top three riders, with

Grace finishing less than three hundredths of a second faster than Charlie O'Dwyer from Newbridge College, Kildare in second place, and just ahead of Lingfield College's Lauren Caroline in third place.

Grace's win came courtesy of her 16-year-old showjumper Brillview Quelle Surprise, with whom she has qualified for the Pony Club National Championships.

"We rode here last year as a team but came 10th. "I never expected to win," she said.

LLANTWIT LET IT SLIP AWAY AT PORTHCAWL

IN what is sadly becoming a bit of a habit, Llantwit Major A men's team, lost in the Rockwool Triples league at home, this time, to Porthcawl last week.

This latest loss was frustrating as Llantwit were ahead on two rinks with only four ends to go!

Cen Williams, Dave Post and Mike Harmon

lost by two shots 14-16 having been 14-11 up at the 16th end.

Dave Thomas, Andy Vincent and Geoff Timms were also ahead, this time at the 14th end by 12-11 but went down 14-19 at the conclusion of 18 ends.

Ken Williams, Graham Snowden and John O'Brien were beaten 14-20 and Mike Evesleigh, John Moisan and Paul Brown had a night to forget losing 9-23. PB

Show success for Llantwit riding club



LLANTWIT MAJOR and District Riding Club (LMRC) held a successful summer show at Tremains on Sunday, July 30.

The sun shone on this happy event, with riders competing in showing, show jumping and mounted games classes.

The picture above, shows competitors and Sue Llewelyn of LMRC presenting Tim Fowler, chair of Llanmaes Community Council, with a cheque for £250 towards housing a defibrillator for use by the community. JS

Porthcawl Bridge Club results

THE latest results from Porthcawl Bridge Club are as follows:

On Saturday, July 22: First, John Beard and Tony Haworth; second, Beth Davies and Dian Jones.

Thursday, July 27: First, Terry Dolan and Roger Plant; second, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard.

Saturday, July 29: First, Tony Haworth and

John Beard; second, Keith Davison and Mair Davison.

Thursday, August 3: First, Rob Charlesworth and John Beard; second, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week on Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, 6.45pm to 9.45pm; visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794. TH